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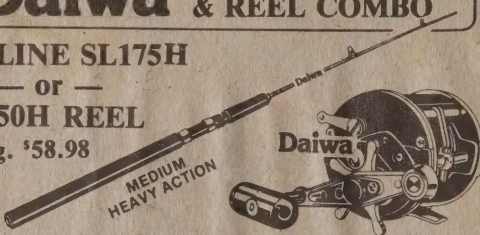
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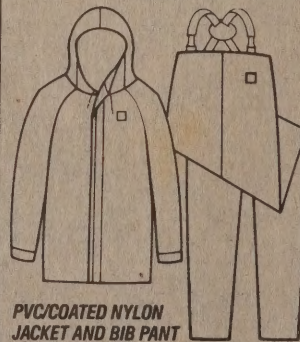
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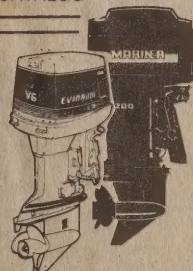
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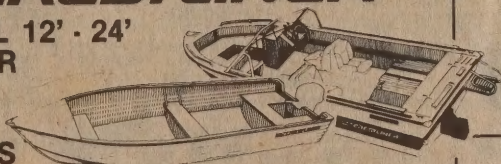
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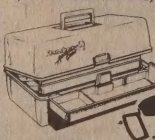
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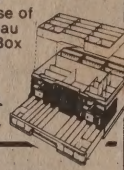
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ABOUT THE COVER:

Long Island's lakes and ponds are sure to get a heavy play this weekend as the black bass season officially opens on Saturday. This week's special issue contains lots of hot bassin' tips that could help you connect with hawg like this one, taken in Fort Pond, Montauk. There is more on this fine body of water on page 40. Photo by Carl Buxbaum.

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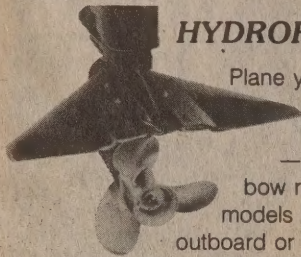
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In last week's issue, we ran a story concerning the upcoming Fluke Derby and we would like to correct some of the info inadvertently passed along. Due to the incredible response for the recently completed Flounder Derby, we have used up our allotment of Stren line. We have arranged for each contestant to receive a spool of line from Striker Tackle.

The article also said, "Each person who enters will receive a Capt. Nappi fluke rig." This was an error. We will have lots of Capt. Nappi fluke rigs to be given as prizes at the awards ceremony. However, with up to 2,000 people expected to compete in this next derby, it would be impossible to give away that many fluke rigs.

Thanks for your cooperation and understanding concerning this matter and best of luck in the derby.

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NORTHEAST PARTY BOAT FISHING: AN ARMCHAIR ADVENTURE TO THE BEST COASTAL ANGLING

Coastal fishermen who want to get in on the best fishing but who lack access to private craft have long turned to the hundreds of party or "open" boats found along the Atlantic Coast. Now there's a book that fishermen can turn to that covers this type of fishing in detail. It's called **Northeast Party Boat Fishing**, written by Tom Schlichter and just released from Northeast Sportsman's Press.

Through its 20 chapters and 150 pages, the book reveals a wealth of information, some of its never covered before in any fishing book. One chapter, for example, deals with finding and choosing party boats (with a list of popular party boat ports from Maine to Chesapeake Bay). Another covers party boat strategies and etiquette (including the controversial topic of which position to choose on the boat). Still others unveil secrets of the pool sharks, or talk about proper equipment, hooks and knots. The final two chapters cover proper fish care and fish cookery, respectively. There are about eight pages of delicious and unusual fish recipes.

On a chapter by chapter basis, the author covers more than a dozen of the most popular party boat species, from bottom fish like flounder, blackfish and sea bass, right on up to battling bluefish, cod and tuna, the latter often weighing hundreds of pounds. The species information is very specific, and most of it would be useful for all coastal anglers who fish from boats—be they open or private.

Author Schlichter is a well known

fisherman and columnist who has contributed to such magazines as *Sports Afield*, *The Fisherman*, *Boy's Life* and others. A former professional clammer, Schlichter has nearly 20 years experience on the water.

Northeast Party Boat Fishing contains dozens of photos, plus interesting charts, sidebars and diagrams of effective party boat fishing rigs. Cartoons capture the lighter side of the party boat game.

The book will be available in select book stores and sport shops, especially along the coast. Or, fishermen can order direct by sending \$7.95 plus \$1.25 postage to Northeast Sportsman's Press, P.O. Box 188, Tarrytown, NY 10591.

NEW LORAN C GUIDE

A new users guidebook published by the National Marine Electronics Association provides information for boaters on how to use the Loran C radionavigation system. The "NMEA Guide to Loran C" is the second in a series of educational books published by the group. The first, "NMEA Guide to Echosounders," was issued last year. The purpose of the series, according to NMEA executive director Ely Hamaty, is to educate the user public in safe and proper installation and operation of marine electronic instruments. Cost of the new guide is \$4.50. For ordering information on either guide, call (617) 878-1723.

COURTESY EXAMS IN LINDENHURST

With the summer months approaching, the recreational boaters prepares to take to the waterways; he goes, however, with equipment that is a year older, a year less new, a year of added wear and tear on what once was perfect equipment.

To ensure that the boater's equipment is still in serviceable condition and still meets the state and federal standards it was designed to meet, Flotilla 1-4 of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary will be conducting Courtesy Marine Examinations on Saturday and Sunday, June 6th and 7th at the Anchorage Marina in Lindenhurst. Auxiliarists will be on hand between 9AM and 2PM as part of a National Safe Boating Week program. The exam is free, and the results are known only to the boat owner. If the vessel passes, the prestigious Seal of Safety for 1987 will be affixed to the boat, indicating to your friends, police and Coast Guard that you have taken the time to care and equip your boat properly. Defects, if any, are reported only to the owner, with no fines involved. Correction of the problem is all that is asked.

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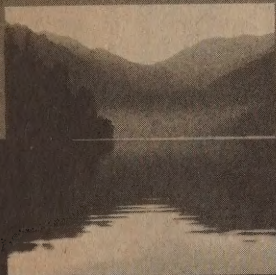
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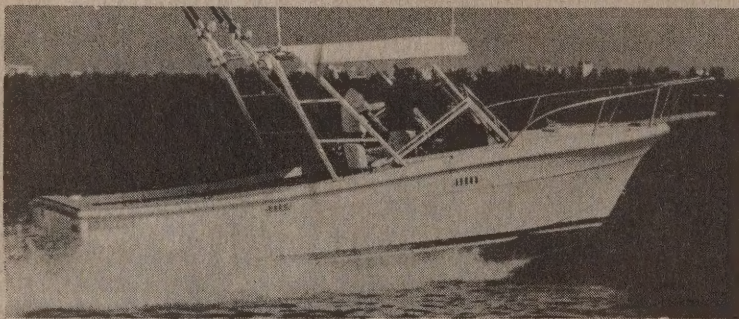
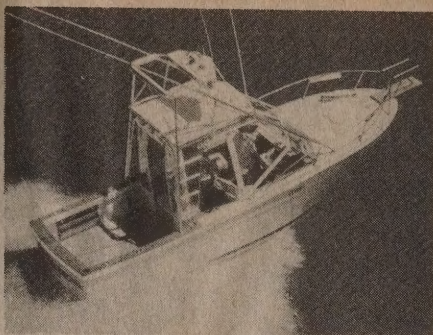
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BOATING SKILLS COURSE IN HEMPSTEAD

As the summer boating season approaches and boat owners look to many hours of enjoyment out on the water, it is vitally important that all boaters, new and old alike, observe the rules of the road and understand basic boating skills. A day of fun on the water can quickly turn into a disaster usually due to some small mistake which could have been avoided.

To help you enjoy a safe boating season this summer, the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Flotilla 13-08, Seaford, is offering a 12-session course in Boating Skills and Seamanship. The course will begin on Monday evening, June 8th and it is being held at the Town of Hempstead Public Safety Building, 201 Peninsula Blvd., Hempstead. This course will provide you with basic knowledge and understanding of navigation rules, aids to navigation, compass, charts, boat handling, engines, weather, knots and legal requirements.

To register for the summer course, you should arrive between 7:30PM and 8PM on June 8th at the Public Safety Building in Hempstead. The course will begin at 8PM. The course starts June 8th and concludes August 17th.

For additional information or to pre-register, please call Richard Schmidt, Flotilla 13-08 Public Education Officer at (516) 681-5565 evenings. There is a nominal charge for course materials.

Flotilla 13-08 wishes all boaters a safe and enjoyable summer season. We urge you to strengthen your knowledge and skill in handling your boat on the water and to protect the lives of your family and others on the water. Join us for the summer Boating Skills and Seamanship course.

SAFE BOATING WEEK ON TAP FOR JUNE 7-13

Secretary of Transportation Elizabeth Hanford Dole singled out boater education as the most effective leverage point to make boating safer. In keeping with that idea, the theme for this year's National Safe Boating Week is "Be Smart, Take a Boating Course!" Dole will serve as honorary chairman for the event, which is sponsored by the U.S. Coast Guard and the National Safe Boating Council, a confederation of 50 national and regional agencies working to advance boating safety.

Dole noted that public education could reduce the number of accidents in the three categories that claim the

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Rear Admiral Thomas T. Matteson, chief of the Coast Guard's Office of Boating, Public and Consumer Affairs, reported that the fatality rate for recreational boating has been reduced from 20.2 deaths per 100,000 boats in 1971 to 6.9 deaths per 100,000 boats in 1985. "Cutting the number of casualties by more than two-thirds has been an achievement based on three approaches," said Matteson. "We have focused on equipment, enforcement and education.

"Boats and their equipment and life-saving devices have been made safer by government and voluntary industry design and performance standards; state and local law enforcement efforts have been improved by federal grants and training programs; and public education programs help remind boaters of necessary preparations and proper operating techniques to minimize risks in this increasingly popular recreational activity."

Dale P. Morey, Wisconsin boating law administrator and chairman of the National Safe Boating Council, credits the boater with being more willing to learn the ways of the water and to accept responsibility for himself and those in his care. "The individual boater deserves credit for much of the gains already made and will be the key to our continued progress," he said. "Many have taken the initiative to learn about free courses offered near their homes and they've invested the time to complete the courses so that they may add more enjoyment to their boating."

Morey urges boaters to inquire about free courses from their nearest Coast Guard Auxiliary flotilla, Power Squadron or state boating agency. Boaters can also call 1-800-336-BOAT for a listing of free courses scheduled near their communities.

DU PONT AMERICAN FISHERMAN STARTS 6TH SEASON ON RADIO

The sixth season of the "Du Pont American Fisherman" radio show opens on stations across the country the week of April 19th. The Du Pont Company has produced 52 new shows for 1987.

Co-hosts of the "Du Pont American Fisherman Radio Show" once again are fishing legends Bill Dance, the "Arnold Palmer of Fishing," and Roland Martin, 9-time Bass Anglers sportsman Society "Angler of the Year." Both have written countless fishing articles and books, and each has his own nationally syndicated TV show: *Bill Dance Outdoors* and *Fishing with Roland Martin*.

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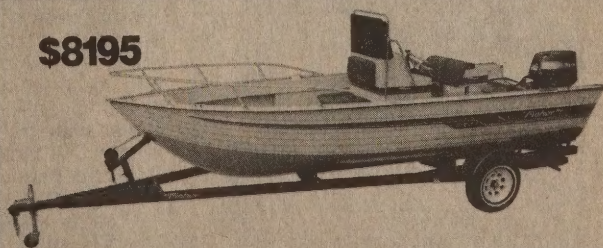
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SO-LO MARINE PRODUCTS BRINGS CRAIG R. GAUNYA ABOARD TO HEAD NATIONAL SALES

Craig R. Gaunya has been named National Sales Manager of So-Lo Marine Products. The announcement was made by Robert L. Hawie, President of the New England-based sport fishing and boating accessory company.

A former zones sales manager for Lowrance Electronics of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Gaunya, 40, will have the responsibility for all of So-Lo's accounts throughout the U.S. He brings more than 10 years of marine industry experience to So-Lo.

The new So-Lo Sales Manager is married, has two sons and resides in Wakefield, RI.

So-Lo manufactures a full line of sport fishing equipment, boat care components and dockside products, including a large variety of stainless steel gaffs. The company's most unique product is the famous So-Lo "Magic Stick," which enables the fisherman to switch from gaffs, to spears, tagging sticks, landing nets, boat hooks and a wide variety of boat care and maintenance gear—in a matter of seconds.

For further information, contact So-Lo Marine Products, P.O. Box 877, Bridgeport, CT 06601; (203) 336-2700.

GOVERNOR CUOMO DECLARES FISHING WEEK

Fishing is a pastime enjoyed by more than two million freshwater and saltwater anglers in New York. Fishing not only provides wholesome recreation, but the 53 million trips taken by fishermen bring more than \$3 billion in business to New York.

While the magnitude of our resources is great, so was the level of abuse to these waters in the past. This situation is being reversed with New York's bold and imaginative water pollution control programs that have dramatically improved aquatic habitat and fishery resources. Since 1960, more than \$9 billion in State, federal and local funds have been spent in building and upgrading municipal sewer systems and sewage treatment plants. Private industry has also invested heavily to meet state and federal water quality standards.

Cleaner water, combined with the Department of Environmental Conservation's innovative fishery management program, have restored excellent angling to nearly all our state's waters. Freshwater and saltwater fishery programs, including capital projects, represent a \$12 million per year investment in our fishery resource, most of which is contributed by state fishing license sales, federal excise taxes on fishing

tackle and federal taxes on motor boat fuel.

During National Fishing Week, it is fitting that recognition be given to New York's superb fishery resources, the millions of anglers and the excellent management programs they willingly support.

Now, therefore, I, Mario M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim June 1-7, 1987 as Fishing Week in New York State.

REWARD OFFERED FOR INFORMATION ON TAGGED STRIPED BASS

With a little help from a lot of people, State and Federal fisher biologists along the Atlantic Coast and Chesapeake Bay hope to gather additional information that will help in the effort to restore striped bass, one of the East Coast's most prized game fish.

Up to 40,000 wild striped bass are being tagged and released off Rhode Island, New York's Long Island Sound, Maryland, Virginia and in the Potomac River in the District of Columbia. Another 15,000 hatchery-produced "rockfish" have been tagged and released to date into Chesapeake Bay tributaries by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service cooperative striped bass program.

Anglers are asked to be on the lookout for the bright orange streamers, called "spaghetti" tags, which bear the message: USFWS—IF UNDER-SIZE: CUT OFF TAG-RELEASE FISH REWARD PH. 301-269-5448 CALL COLLECT.

Each streamer tag is numbered and is "anchored" to an internal tag bearing the same information. Biologists ask that no attempt be made to remove the internal tag unless the fish is of legal size; most will be undersize.

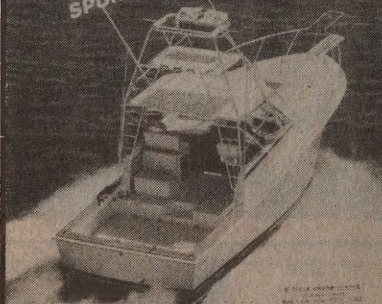
The flexible plastic tags can be snipped off carefully with nail clippers or scissors. A knife should not be used, biologists advise. If the tag cannot be removed easily without pulling or stressing the fish, the information on the tag may be reported. The fish should be returned to the water as soon and as carefully as possible.

Biologists further note that handling of the fish should be kept to a minimum, particularly around the gills and that hands should be kept wet during handling. They also caution against the use of gaffs to avoid injury to the fish. Callers are asked to provide as much information as possible about the location, approximate length and general condition of the fish.

The reward is \$5 or a fishing cap with the slogan: "Participant Striped Bass Conservation." The rewards were donated by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, Washington, D.C., which has also contributed a state-of-the-art electrofishing boat for capturing adult striped bass returning to spawn in Chesapeake Bay tributaries. The fish are spawned in cap-

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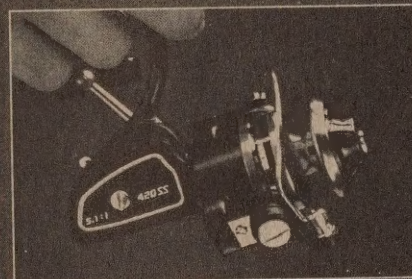
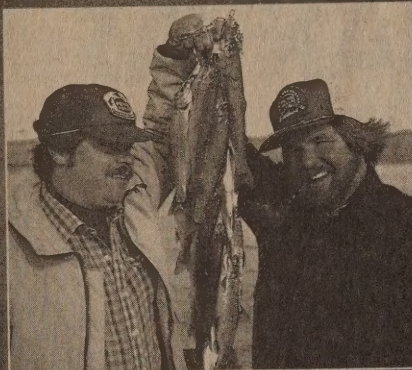
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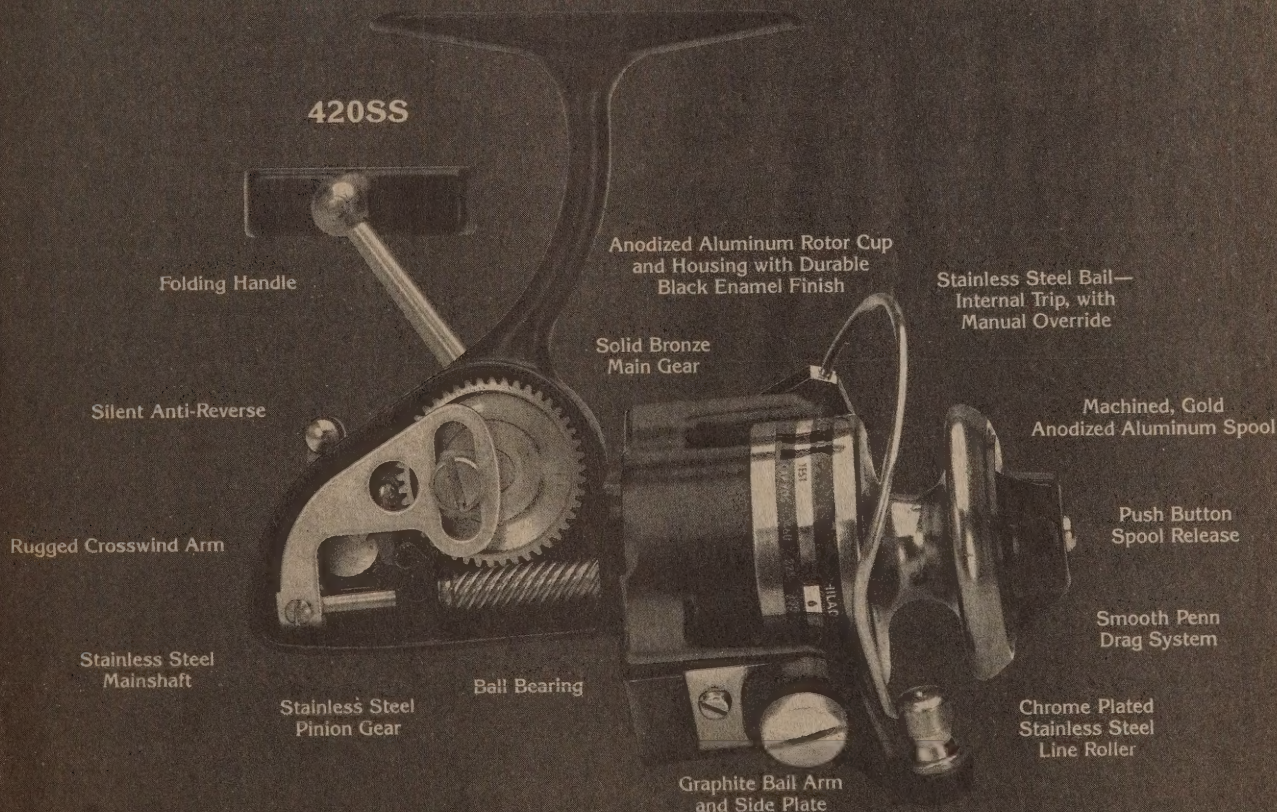
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"Every call with tag information will provide an important piece of data to the striped bass restoration and management program," said Frank Dunkle, Director of the U.S. Fishs and Wildlife Service. "And every piece of data will help us complete the puzzle of why striped bass are declining and what can be done to restore the species."

The coastal tagging program is a cooperative effort among the states, the District of Columbia, Interior's Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Marine Fisheries Service of the Commerce Department's National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, and the Potomac River Fisheries Commission.

SHINNECOCK MARLIN AND TUNA CLUB BILLFISH/TUNA TOURNEY

The Shinnecock Marlin and Tuna Club wants to remind all interested anglers that their 26th Annual Billfish/Tuna Tournament is right around the corner. Headquartered at Pell's Marina on Dune Road in Hampton Bays, the tournament begins on July 11th and runs through July 18th. The over 250 anglers and 50+ boats usually entered in this tournament, may choose any three days in which to do their fishing.

In a move to conserve the species involved in this tournament, as in all other Shinnecock Marlin and Tuna Club activities, the club's Board of Directors approved the following minimum weights on all fish weighed-in to be eligible for prizes: blue marlin, 250 lbs.; white marlin, 45 lbs.; swordfish, 150 lbs.; albacore, 30 lbs.; bigeye tuna, 150 lbs.; bluefin tuna, 115 lbs.; and yellowfin tuna, 45 lbs.

In addition to the beautiful trophies awarded for the three largest billfish and the three largest tuna, the Club also awards trophies for tagging and the release of fish during this tournament. Fishing tackle and boating equipment comprise more of the many awards given out in this prestigious tournament.

Entries will be accepted right up to the time of the Captain's Meeting at 8PM on July 10th at Pell's Marina. Since slip space is limited, available slips are on a first come, first served basis.

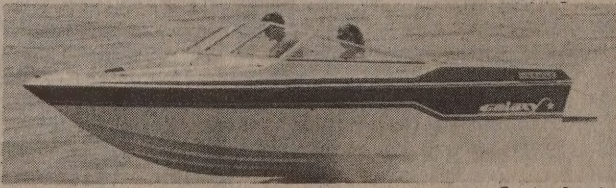
The Tournament Awards Dinner on Saturday, July 18th is held at the Tiana Shores Association Clubhouse in Hampton Bays located on scenic Tiana Bay. Attendance is optional for tournament participants, but considering the usual great food (lobster, chicken, scallops, clams, shrimp,

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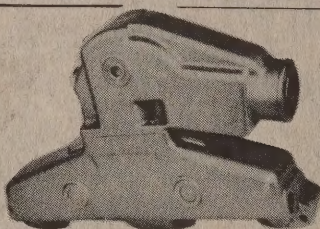
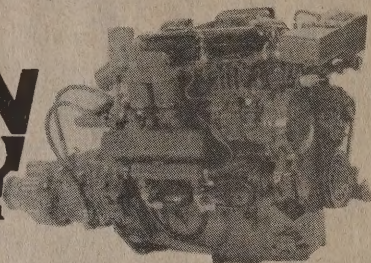
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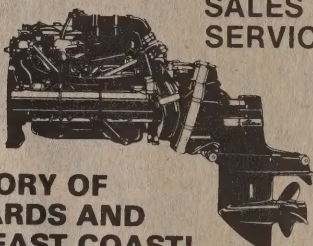
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REGULATIONS FOR ATLANTIC BLUEFIN TUNA

Willia E. Evans, head of the National Marine Fisheries Service, has announced proposed changes to the existing regulations that will govern the domestic Atlantic bluefin tuna fishery in 1987.

NOAA proposes to prohibit vessels permitted in the Atlantic bluefin tuna fishery to fish for Atlantic bluefin tuna within 100 yards of the cork line of a purse seine vessel fishing for that species. Several other minor changes to the regulations are proposed to eliminate incorrect or inappropriate language and amend definitions to accommodate current situations in the fishery.

The International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) met in Madrid, Spain, in November, 1986 and recommended that the quotas and the major management measures that were in effect from 1983 through 1986 be continued for 1987. The regulations governing the U.S. Atlantic bluefin tuna fishery, therefore, do not require revisions based on the results of the ICCAT meeting.

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The directory lists a wide variety of features and services available at campgrounds, including: number of tent and trailer sites, physical environment, elevation and acres, time limits of stay, sanitary facilities, firewood, recreation—such as swimming, fishing, and boating—as well as telephone number, address and nearest town and access route.

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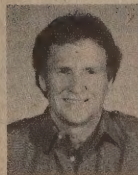
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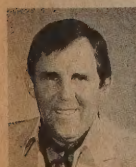
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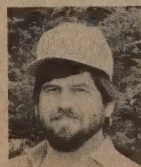
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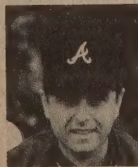
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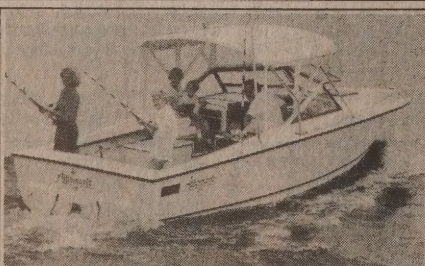
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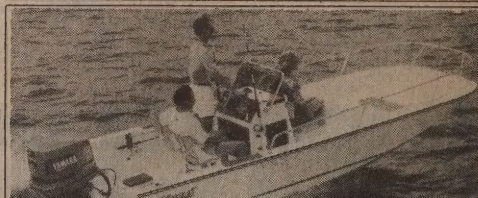
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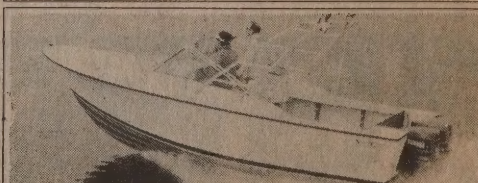
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BAYLINER'S ALL NEW BASS BOAT DIVISION BRINGS OUT FIVE FISHING PACKAGES FOR 1987

With the introduction of two new pro series bass rigs—a 17 footer and an 18 footer—plus the redesign of a 17 foot Fish-N-Ski version, Bayliner's new Bass Striker offerings total five, 14-18 feet, for 1987. With the separation of bass boats from the other models, Bayliner's engineers have been able to fine-tune the design features most in demand by serious bass fishermen.

All five boats come factory rigged with the most desirable fishing equipment plus powerful Force outboard engines and custom matched galvanized Escort trailers. The newly styled engines and trailers are designed to complement the silvery blue metal-flake finish on each boat, completing a look that is strictly first class from stern to stern.

Bayliner heard the cry of the budget conscious competitive angler. The result: the pro-series Bass Strikers, two completely new single console designs to meet all the needs of the serious angler at a price you don't have to be a tournament winner to afford.

The pro-series 1710 Bass Striker and 1810 Bass Striker provide trolling motor with remote foot control for quiet positioning, 60 foot/60 fathom flasher with alarm, fore and aft live-wells with aerators and overflow and enough lockable rod stowage to give the fisherman a downright unfair advantage. The 1810 adds graphic digital depth indicator and extra fore and aft locking gear stowage to the fare. The single console designs on these two boats incorporate comfortable, adjustable pedestal seats to best position the angler for flippin'; these convert to a center observation seat. Fore and aft casting platforms, and fold-down helm and passenger seats with storage beneath, complete an interior layout that is totally tailored to fishing sport.

The 1710 is powered with the newly designed 85 hp Force outboard and the 1810 with the hard driving 125 hp with standard trim and tilt. Combine either engine with Bayliner's patented Sequential Lift Hull and you get first-to-the-hole performance.

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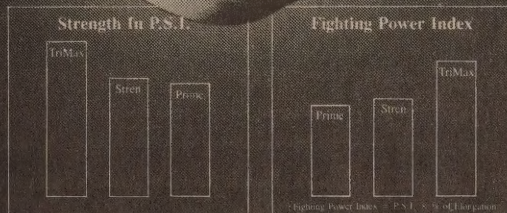
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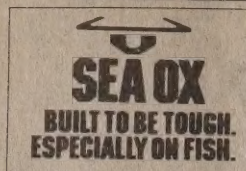
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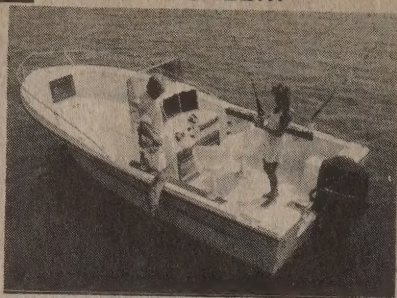


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The 1810 Fish-N-Ski is built with the same features as the 1710 but is powered by the Force 125 outboard, with power tilt and trim, and features a painted and pinstriped custom low profile trailer.

The 1410 Fish-N-Ski is still the most affordable fishing boat around. Peppy 50 hp Force outboard, trailer and a remarkable supply of standard fishing equipment that includes an electric trolling motor make this low priced boat-motor-trailer package an extraordinary value.

All five Bass Strikers are built with Bayliner's unequaled top quality hand-laid fiberglass construction. With gray hull, blue stripe, gray, red and blue heavy duty upholstery and glittering metalflake deck, these rigs prove that tough on fish can also be pleasing to the eye. Bass Strikers range in price from \$5,195 to \$9,965.

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Lily pads, milfoil, water chestnut, duck weed, reeds...Nationally known outdoor writer and bass specialist Rich Zaleski designed the Marsh-Invader lure specifically for use in these tough-to-fish areas.

With the introduction of the new lure comes a new concept in fishing heavily vegetated areas: "skitter-jigging." The technique combines the fish triggering characteristics of "skittering" a weedless spoon across the vegetation matted surface, with the proven fish appeal of a living rubber jig/pork frog combination. When properly fitted with a large pork rind trailer, Rich Zaleski's Marsh-Invader not only glides across densely matted surface weeds like a weedless spoon and sinks into holes and pockets as a jig and pig, it also works through submerged vegetation like a Texas rigged plastic worm and swims enticingly on a straight retrieve.

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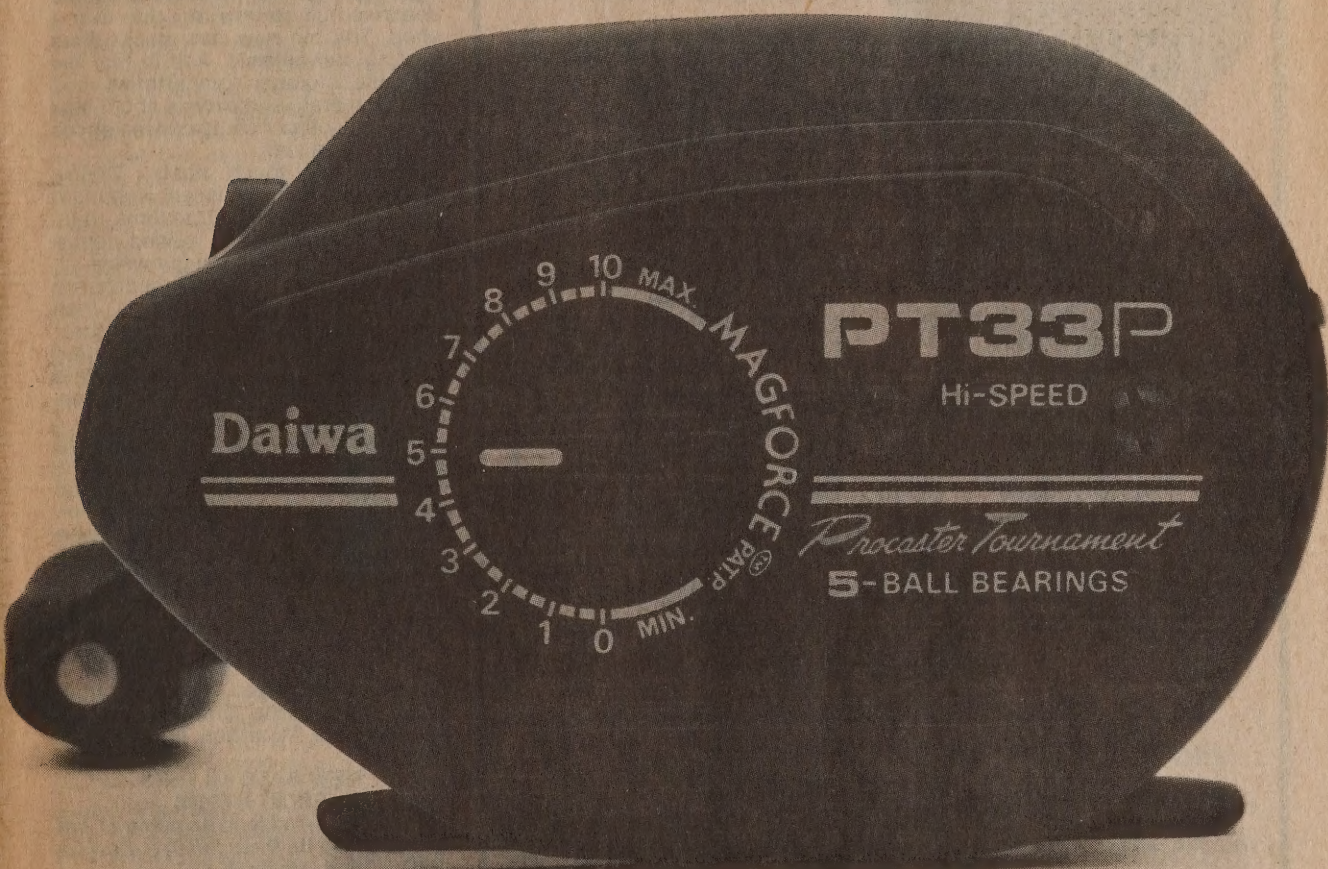
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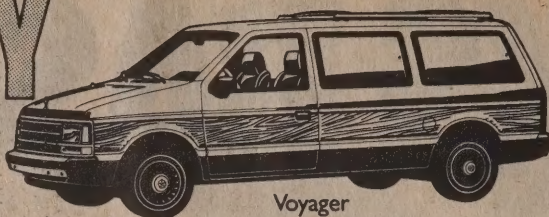
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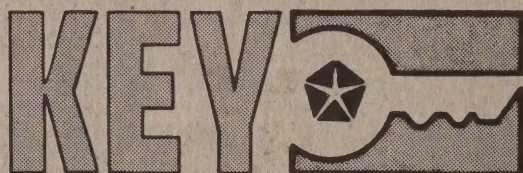


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Tough as they are, they're still light weight: only 252 lbs. Because aluminum is one of the lightest structural materials, you'll go further on a gallon of gas, go faster with the same horsepower than you would in a boat of other materials. And like all Grumman boats, these Jon boats have a hp rating below the maximum, to give you an added margin of safety.

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Mepps doesn't lend its name to just any lure. But its *Bass Killers*—new for 1987—have earned it.

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Both the bucktail and living rubber skirted models weigh 3/8 ounce. They are hand dipped in the toughest, yet most flexible space age finishes and are all but impossible to chip.

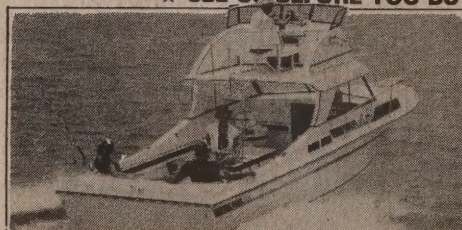
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Shakespeare expands its baitcast reel offering for 1987 by introducing the Sigma Mag-Lite. This reel, Model 9500, features a 5 to 1 gear ratio using machine cut brass gears and stainless steel ball bearings for a smooth reliable retrieve. The Sigma Mag-Lite also features a one piece graphite mainframe and graphite spool. A top mounted slide mag control, flippin' feature and a thumb bar built right into the hood make this reel the ultimate casting machine.

The Sigma Mag-Lite was designed with the casting fisherman in mind, from its lightweight construction to its 150 yard/10 lb. capacity. If you're looking for a high quality baitcasting reel with all the features, the Sigma Mag-Lite from Shakespeare is the reel to choose.

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Shimano's engineers have been listening and have solved this problem with the introduction of the Bantam SpeedMaster reel series for 1987.

In the new series of six reels, each Bantam SpeedMaster has an increased super high speed 6:1 gear ratio. This unmatched speed gives the fisherman faster retrieves, allowing him to cast more often and cover more water.

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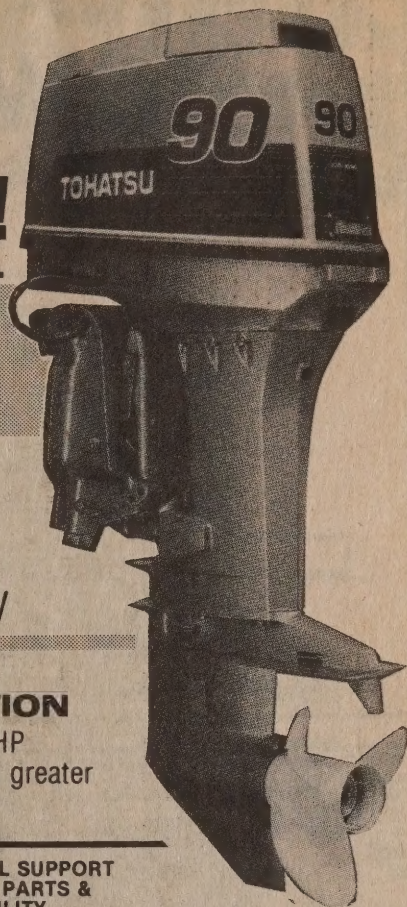
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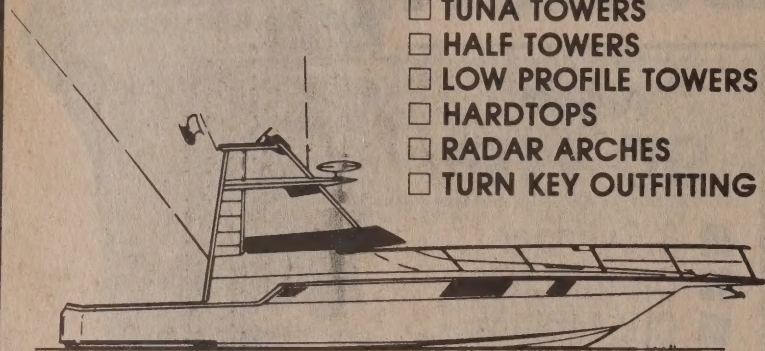
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To cure the continuing problem of backlash, or "professional overruns," Shimano created its precision calibrated Magnetic Spool Control on the Bantam SpeedMaster series. It lets the fishermen virtually dial away backlash, because it uses cobalt alloy magnets to balance the speed of the spool against any combination of lure weight, arm strength and casting motion. With it, there is no sacrificing of the fisherman's ability to dial in a true "zero" free spool setting.

The Bantam SpeedMaster series of reels, except models 1550 and 1551, feature two stainless steel ball bearings for quiet, dependable, smooth running efficiency. Both right and left hand models are available.

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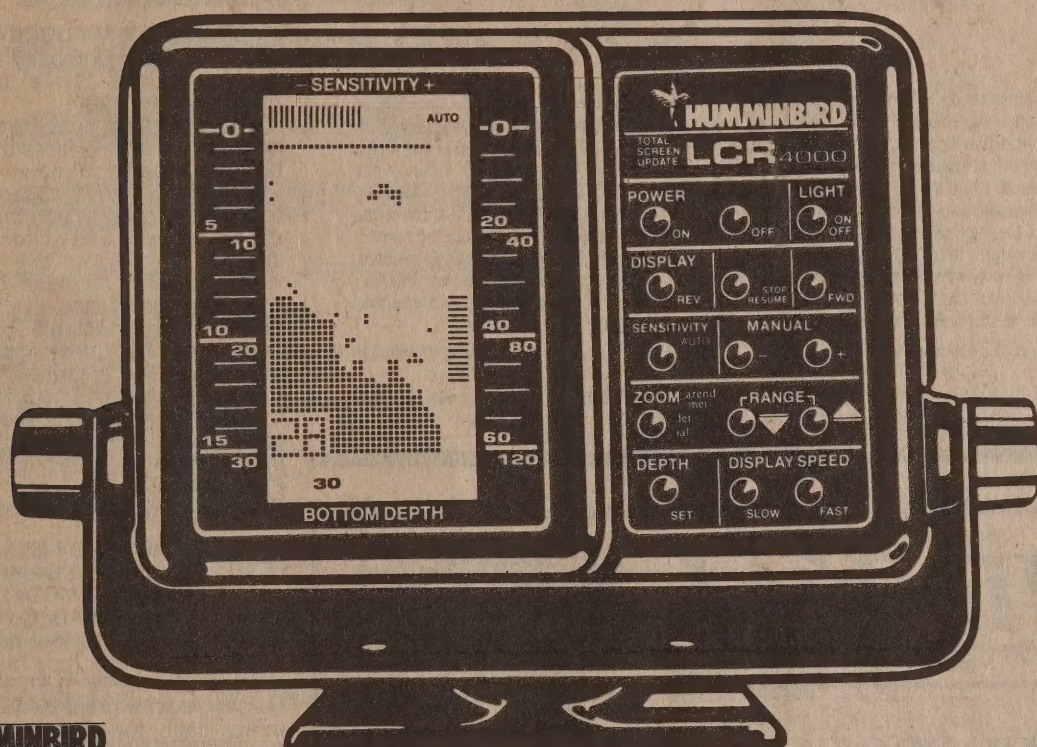
The FM-146 hull incorporates a number of critical design elements necessary in relatively short-hulled fishing boats. It has a semi-V design with a "clipper-V" bow to provide clean entry into the water, less spray and a softer ride.

The bottom of the short-chined hull is nearly flat at the transom. This, combined with ample 66 in. beam results in high buoyancy, stability and easier planing with smaller outboards.

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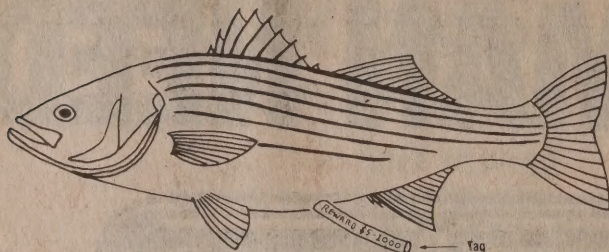
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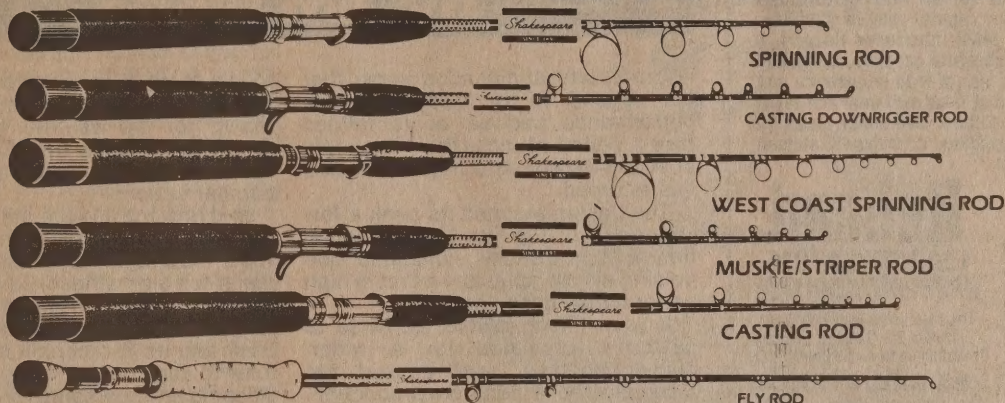
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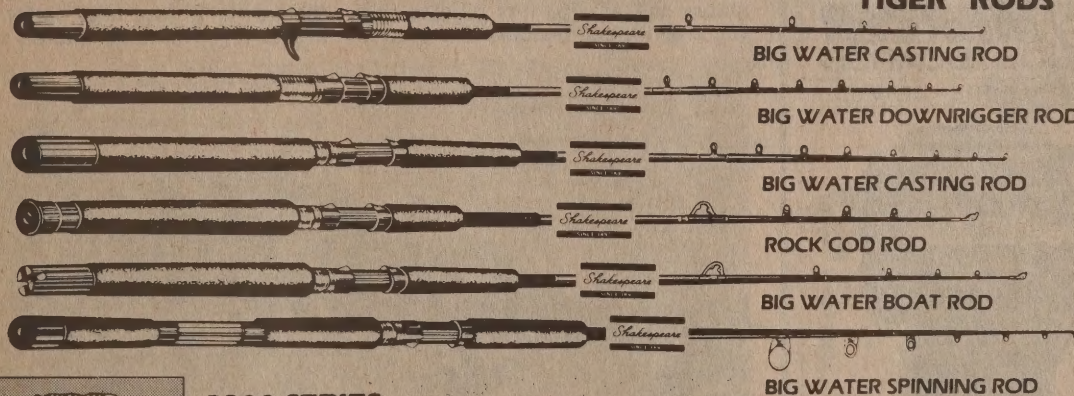


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HYDRA SPORTS AEROCOBRA 150

by Jim White

Hydra-Sports aficionados know that the "legend" is the X-series of high performance pad-vee boats refined over a period of more than five years at Hydra-Sports. And now the legend has returned.

The design reached its peak a few years ago in the Vee-Lok configuration, which virtually eliminated porpoising at high speeds—a first in high performance bass boating.

It wasn't long before response to customer demands for a wider, deeper, roomier boat caused the X-series to be retired from production. However, the outcry from fishermen began almost immediately and continued to such a point that Hydra-Sport restored the X-series beginning in '86 under the name AeroCobra 150.

The AeroCobra 150 is the big boy of the line. It was sold in earlier years as the 187-Vee and the X-270. As the AeroCobra 150, it has reached its ultimate development as a tournament bass boat. Fast, solid and stable, the AC 150 lifts high to give you a swift, solid, stable ride even in

rough going. It is designed to let you fish the way you want, almost without regard for the weather. As with all AeroCobra models, the AC 150 is fully tournament rated and accepts all popular options.

In this same line are the AeroCobra 150 FF, and the AeroCobra 75. The AC 150 FF is a family style fishing boat. It has a full size windshield with sturdy canvas top that can zip up the interior just as snug as you wish. The helm chair and its companion both recline fully to the rear, offering bunk-style sleeping arrangements for two adults.

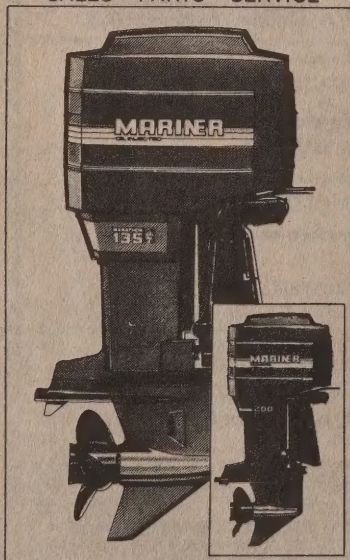
Through the walkthrough, you'll find a storage locker on each side, with a padded seat for a lid. There's seating for four adults behind the windshield also.

There's lots of storage throughout, including ski storage under the floor, but its first function is a fishing boat with two aerated livewells and a 12/24 bow panel for trolling motor plug-ins.

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All models at Hydra-Sports begin as ideas that are carefully and painstakingly rendered in wooden mold masters. With this technique, Hydra-Sports boats are built to be both the strongest and lightest boats possible.

All boats are hand-layed. Separate mold parts are chemically bonded together, hardware is almost entirely marine grade stainless steel, cleats, eyes and rings are through bolted for strength. Through-hull fittings, plumbing, electrical systems and other components are the very finest available.

For equipment, the AeroCobra 150 is loaded. The fuel tank is 24 gallons under floor. An aerated livewell in the front and rear with rear livewell shut-off are standard. A manual bilge pump, switch panel with timer and deluxe pro bow panel for electric motor hook-up, electronics switches, trim gauge for easy operation from the front of the boat are all standard.

Deluxe instrumentation to monitor engine functions are easily read and laid out in good view at the console.

Power pedestal seats with pro pole or bike seats are an optional equipment package. Bucket seats in the helm area and 6 gauge wiring on all electrical accessories are standard.

Fishermen will also appreciate the standard tournament aeration system said to be one of the finest available today.

For a beautiful finish, Hydra-Sports offers 12 different colors and combinations on the gel coat, carpet and upholstery colors. Some of the finishes are really out of this world.

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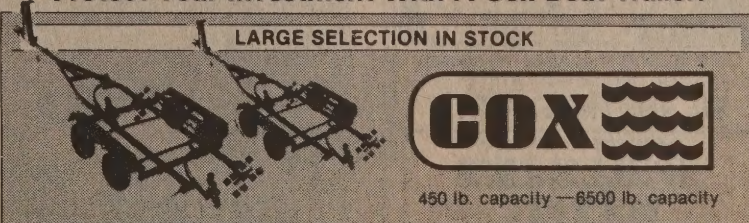
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Product Review

MOTORGUIDE 700 ELECTRIC MOTOR

by Gary Caputi

Whether you are putting together a well equipped pond boat or a top-notch tournament bass boat, there is one piece of equipment that has become irreplaceable for the modern bass angler: the electric trolling motor. Even if your boat has a gas powered engine, the trolling motor is the unit that puts you close to the fish quietly so you can present the lure that will fool him.

In fact, certain types of bass fishing are all but impossible to take advantage of without the aid of the soft approach the trolling motor offers. Flipping and pitching are two very popular and productive methods of catching bass from cover, but they both require a way of getting the angler close to that cover without scaring the fish. A pair of oars just doesn't cut it for these techniques.

The bow mount, foot control motor is necessary to get the angler in the right position to make the soft presentations flipping requires. Boat control has long been of importance to pro bass tournament fishermen and the better the pro, the better his ability to put and keep his boat where he wants it to make those critical casts. Having a good foot control trolling motor is the key.

Since 1962, one company has been offering the bass fishermen trolling motors that have gained a reputation for reliability, performance and durability and is still at the forefront of trolling motor technology and design. MotorGuide, a division of Zebco, has been keeping up with the advances in bass boat designs and the angler's belief by upgrading its motor line on

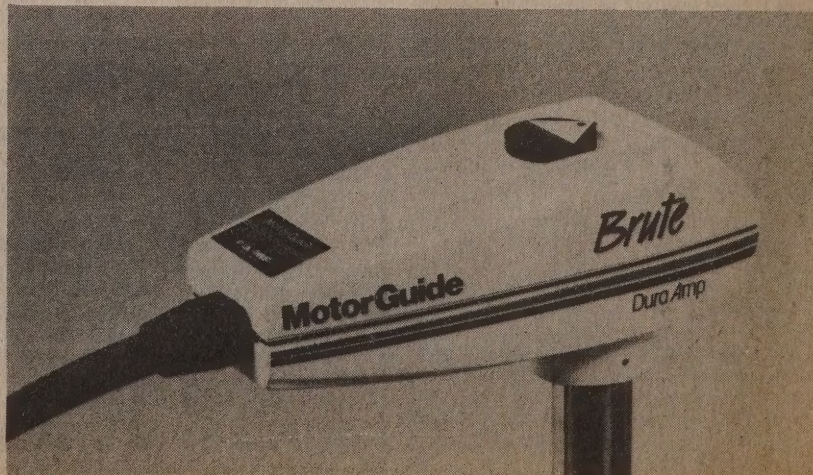
a continual basis for 25 years. MotorGuide is recognized as a pioneer and innovator in the market.

We'll take a look at the 700 series bow mount, foot control motors, MotorGuide's top-of-the-line motors for mid to full size bass boats. They are also available in 12 volt models ideal for pond boats for those many small bodies of water that don't allow gas outboards.

An important feature in trolling motors is quiet operation to prevent spooking the fish you're closing in on. All the new generation MotorGuides have a new motor unit called WhisperGuide. It is comprised of an extremely efficient permanent magnet that rides on a stainless steel armature shaft that is claimed to be the strongest in the business. Not only is the system strong, but it provides quiet power in both 12 and 24 volt models.

The WhisperGuide motor is mated to a new prop system designed by bass guru Doug Hannon. It consists of a specially pitched and shaped clear, lexan prop that is flush mounted to the motor housing. It is billed as quiet, vibration free and self-clearing in heavy weeds.

The first few days out with a new 750 Brute model found these claims to be well founded. The motor was not only very quiet and vibration free, but it slid through some extra heavy weeds without needing to be cleared by hand once. That is certainly a welcome change from trolling motors of the past with their big, basket weed catchers to keep the props free and turning.



The 700 series is available in 7 models, but for the sake of this review we looked at the four top-of-the-line motors. The 755 Brute is the 24 volt, 41 pound thrust model that comes complete with the new power saving DuraAmp feature. Its little brother, the 745 Magnum is the DuraAmp equipped version in 12 volt, which puts out 34 pounds of thrust.

The line is rounded out by the 750 Brute, a traditional 12/24 volt motor with 5-12 volt and 5-24 volt speeds and 41 pounds of thrust from the 24 volt model. The 740 Magnum is a 12 volt conventional unit with 5 speeds and 34 pounds of thrust. All three models come standard with MotorGuide's heavy duty No. 15 Clutch type bow mount unit. This bow mounting system is strong and has positive locking devices for the down position and also for the up position to protect the fisherman from the motor bouncing in while running at high speeds in rough water. Having used the No. 15 mount on my last MotorGuide, which saw several years of hard fishing time without failure, has shown that it is everything MotorGuide claims.

But what about this DuraAmp system? It is an electronic monitoring system made up of microchips that provide energy to the motor only as needed and only as much as is needed. It prevents excessive amp draw and extends the time you can run the motor on the available electric charge from the battery. In addition, it gives the operator an infinitely variable speed control instead of the preset 5 or 10 speed setting available on the models without the feature. It acts similar to a car's cruise control automatically adjusting power to maintain constant speeds during changes in fishing conditions such as wind and currents.

Also new for this series is the "Control Center" as MotorGuide calls its new foot control unit. The foot pedal is low in profile and easy to use and steer with. It is mounted on a wide base that stays put on the casting platform of the boat and it is less fatiguing than most other units tried. This new unit is ergonomically designed to work in harmony with the natural movements of the foot and ankle. It is considerably more comfortable than foot pedal units used in the past.

The 700 series motors from MotorGuide are fit to carry on the company's reputation in the bass fishing community for offering high quality motors with features designed to make using them easy, maintenance free and less fatiguing on the angler. Our 750 Brute presently in service is a pleasure to use and it will live up to the expectations of a critical bass angler whether he is a weekend warrior or a full time competing pro.

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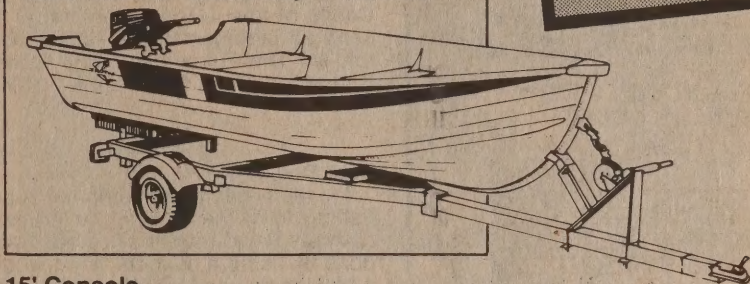
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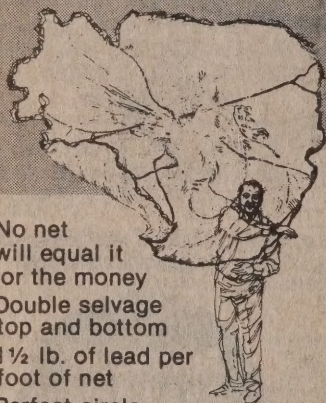
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The Tackle Doctor

—by Ken Freel—

This week's questions range from keeping your bait away from pesky crabs, to getting your bait within range of shoreline sharks. The letters continue to be varied and interesting, especially since the time is now to get in on some of this fantastic fishing we all enjoy along the Northeastern Coast of the U.S.A.! Remember to send all inquiries to the Tackle Doctor, c/o The Fisherman, 1622 Beaver Dam Road, Point Pleasant, NJ 08742.

Dear Doc,

I recently heard of attempting shark fishing from the surf or the jetties. I have also read that this is sometimes done by using a balloon. What would a balloon be used for? I am particularly interested in this kind of shark fishing since I do not own a boat. What tackle should I use, including hooks, line and leaders? Also, what is the best bait and time of day to fish for sharks from the beach? The main problem, as I see it, with this kind of fishing is how to get the bait and long leader out to where the sharks are. How can I cast this kind of terminal tackle that far?

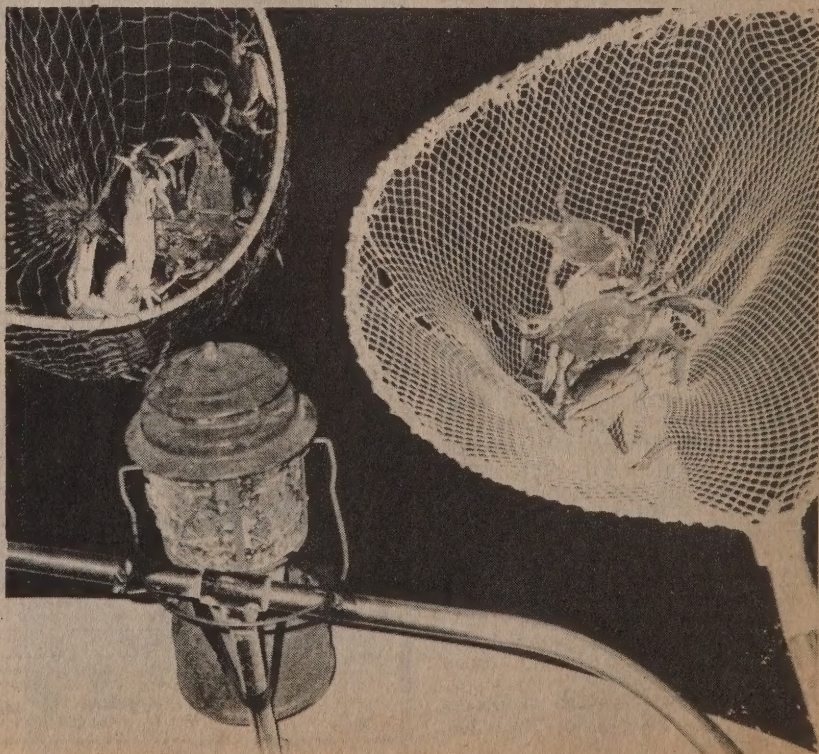
Mike Rich III.

Dear Mike,

Wow, you sure pack a lot of questions into one short letter! First of all, most bathers may be surprised to know they've been within 10 to 15 feet of sharks large enough to inflict a serious bite without ever knowing it. It's a good thing that sharks usually are just as afraid of us as we are of them.

The reason balloons are used for shark fishing is because they will float bait out more easily and inexpensively to the shoreline dropoffs and sloughs that sharks inhabit. Easily, of course, if the conditions are right. An outward moving current plus relatively little surf action is needed to successfully launch a bait with a balloon. The wind must also be cooperative because the balloon needs to move out to the deeper water.

Shark fishing from the surf is not popular with most surf fishermen, but in some areas like Cape Hatteras, Island Beach, New Jersey and Long Island, some fishermen have discovered ways to catch sharks and, therefore, will attempt to hook into them if the conditions are right. In Hatteras, shark fishing from the surf has become so advanced that some fishermen row out with the bait in a



small boat, or even on a rubber raft, to get the bait 100 yards from shore. A select few even mount a platform with a small fighting chair on their beach buggies just in case a big shark hits!

The bait to use for this type of fishing is large chunks of oily mackerel or bunker. Most guys will cast this to the outside edge of a sand bar where sharks are more likely to cruise. You'll need a heavy surf rod about 10 feet long with a very strong butt and stiff tip. The amount of lead to use is determined, as always, by the current. Usually, sinkers in the 4 to 10 ounce range will suffice. Use whatever it takes to keep your bait near the bottom.

On the business end of your line you need a 3 foot section of #12 wire leader attached to a 7 foot length of 125 pound monofilament. The 3 foot wire takes care of the shark's sharp teeth and the 7 foot length of thick mono helps prevent the shark from using its denticle covered skin to break the line. Since the sharks caught from the shoreline will not usually be over 100 pounds, a 5/0 to 9/0 hook will suffice. Mustad Hook Company makes a fine selection of these strong shark hooks. Make sure the hooks are sharpened with a file to a triangular point because dull hooks lose sharks fast.

The best time to try for sharks is during the night when they are more apt to come closer to the shoreline chasing and searching for baitfish. It may take some time to hook into one, but it sure will be a thrill when one finally takes your bait. Good luck!

Dear Doc,

I use bait on a high and low rig to catch weakfish during the summer. I do all right with the fish, but the crabs seems to take quite a bit of my bait. Is there any way to keep the bait away from the crabs and still within the line of vision of my favorite fish?

George Meyers.

Dear George,

Crabs are always a pest when it comes to stealing bait intended for your favorite quarry, whatever it may be. Striped bass fishermen and other surf fishermen have tangled with these leggy bait stealers for years and have thus developed ways to help prevent crabs from getting their bait. These same techniques work quite well for weakfishing, too.

Use the six inch surf cork floats which are grooved or hollowed out for the line and leader to pass through. Connect one surf cork about 12 to 18 inches above the hook. This will keep the bait out of reach of most crabs. Another cork to use if you feel the surf cork is too big, are the small fireball floats. You slide these fireball floats down the leader and stop just above the hook's eye. You should have success with these corks and the crabs will have to look elsewhere for a free meal!

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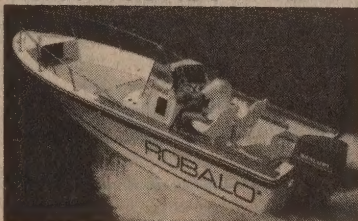
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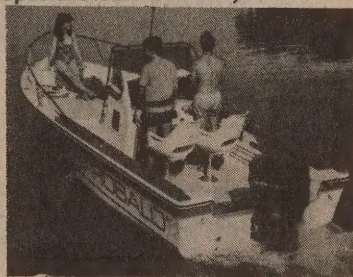
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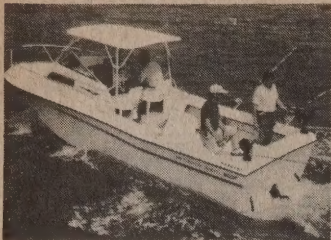


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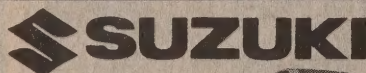
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Joe Scaduto.

Dear Joe,

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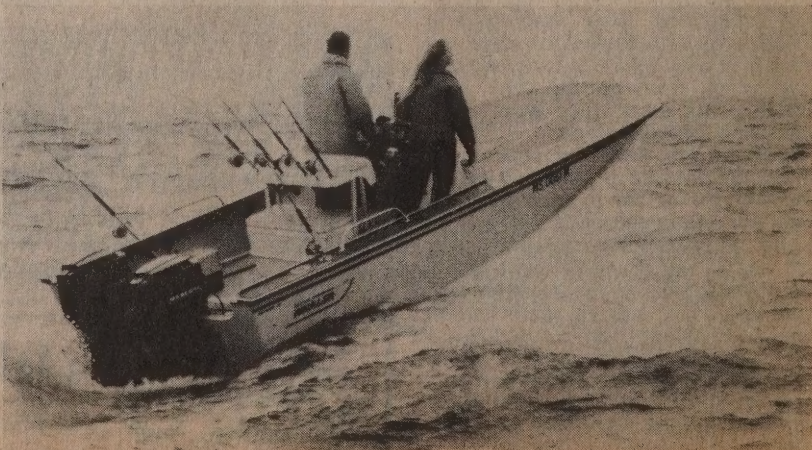
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I purchased a 20 foot cuddy at the end of last year and I plan to install my own outboard on it. I have a 1983 Johnson 115 that has been run only 30 hours. My boat has an inboard fuel tank and I don't want to guess on the amount of oil to add. I would like to use an auto blend oil-fuel mixer, and I need a name and address where I can purchase such a unit.

Reggie Sandiford.

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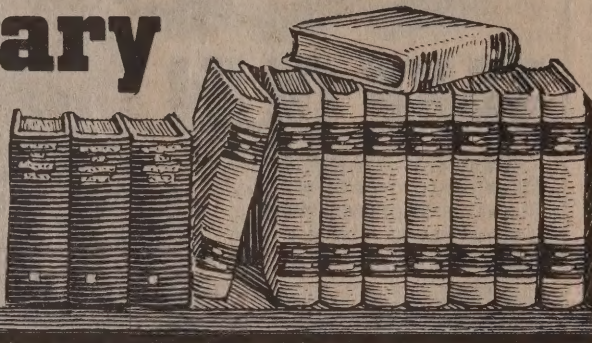
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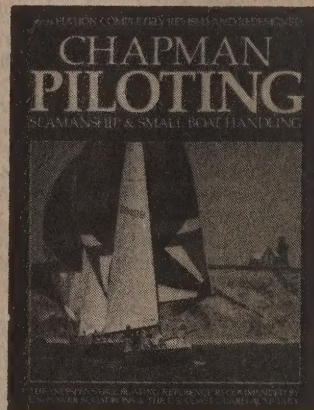
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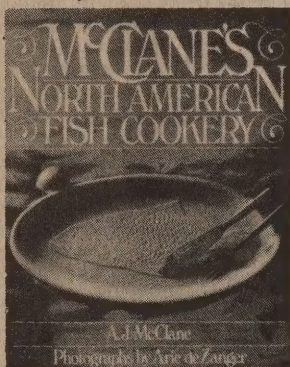
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DEC COOPERATIVE ANGLER PROGRAM UPDATE

by Tom Schlichter

Long Island's largemouth bass fans will be glad to learn that the DEC Angler Cooperator Report based on the 1986 season is out and it shows three major bass waters: the Peconic River, Lake Ronkonkoma and Fort Pond, to all be in excellent health. This program, first begun in 1978, is coordinated by DEC Senior Aquatic Biologist Charles Guthrie and is used to get a feel for trends and changes in the population of various species inhabiting the surveyed waters. It utilizes volunteer anglers (called cooperators) who measure and record each fish they catch when fishing one of the study waters. Anglers wishing to become a part of the Angler Cooperator Program or wanting to obtain a full copy of this report should contact Charles Guthrie, Senior Aquatic Biologist for the DEC, Room 210, Building 40, SUNY Stony Brook, NY 11794.

As usual, the Peconic River system proved the most productive of the waters studied when it came to catching largemouth bass. One of the premier bass hotspots in New York State, this river plays host to an extremely stable population of largemouths and with the present building moratorium and impending designation of the Peconic as a Scenic and Recreational River, the future looks brighter than ever. Since the Peconic is large and varied in nature, the DEC divides it into three separate zones when compiling angler cooperator information: Zone I is the "upper Peconic" (the part of the river lying west of Edward's Avenue). Zone II is Forge Pond. Zone III comprises that section of the river below the dam at Upper Mills Pond.

For the best "all-around" quality bass fishing, Zone II reigned supreme in 1986. Cooperators reported an average catch rate here of 0.42 largemouths per hour. This is the highest catch rate reported for this section since 1981. Additionally, over 60 percent of the bass taken exceeded the 12 inch minimum length requirement—and almost a quarter (23.9%) measured greater than 15 inches; 36.7% of all the bass taken measured between 12 to 15 inches. The high percentage of large fish taken in Forge Pond is probably a reflection of low angling mortality, according to Guthrie and this is mirrored by the cooperator diaries which show only seven bass creel from this zone during 1986.

Zone I produced the highest catch rate per hour of the three Peconic sections, a "phenomenal" 0.94. This indicator of fishing productivity has steadily risen from 0.71 in 1984 and indicates a few successive solid year classes of bass thriving in these waters. Although the catch rate for this section of the river was quite high, the average size of the fish taken was smaller than in Zone II; 57.7% of all bass taken fell under the 12 inch legal limit, while only 6.2% exceeded 15 inches. The bass stock in Zone I is, however, very stable. The larger number of small bass is exactly what one would expect to find here due to the more river-like nature of the Peconic in this section.

In 1985, cooperators made 29 trips and spent a total of 297 hours working Zone III. Last season, those numbers dropped to 21 trips and 165 hours. Because of the limited number of hours spent on this section of the river by cooperators, it is difficult to draw any concrete conclusions on the bass populations here. Still, we can guess that the population of largemouths is stable and there appears to be some strong year classes on the way up. 53.7% of the bass taken in this section measured less than 12 inches. More revealing, however, is that 22 percent of all bass were less than 8 inches long while only 9.7 percent exceeded 15 inches. Clearly, if this small sample is indicative of the stock as a whole, the bass population in this part of the river is heavily weighted toward smaller fish.

While the Peconic River offers the best combination of quality and quantity, Lake Ronkonkoma is still the best bet for anglers looking to score with a trophy sized bass. 1986 was the best year for bass fishing on the big lake since the diary program was started in 1978. Cooperators caught more bass per hour (.28) than in any year since 1981 and the catch rate for fish over 15 inches was the highest ever. More than 50 percent of all the bass reported by cooperators measured greater than 15 inches in length. A whopping 78.9 of all bass caught exceeded 12 inches!

Looking back to last year's review of the DEC report on Lake Ronkonkoma, it was suggested that a 1985 drop in the average length and Proportional Stock Density (PSD is the ratio of largemouth bass over 12 inches to all those over 8 inches expressed as a percent) of the bass

might indicate the start of a trend toward a more normal size distribution on this lake. The 1986 results, however, showed this not to be the case. While PSD increased only slightly, the average length of the bass taken jumped from 13.6 to 14.4 inches. This is the largest average length recorded on any of the waters studied since the program began and indicates that this bass population is still heavily weighted toward large bass. In fact, the majority of all Ronkonkoma caught bass taken (51.4%) exceeded the 15 inch top of the slot size limit!

According to Charles Guthrie, the continued increase in the average size and PSD is probably due to the almost non-existent angling mortality experienced by the bass on this lake. Most anglers report fishing with lures rather than live baits, which facilitates release of fish in good condition. Also of note is the fact cooperators released 97.5 percent of all the legal sized bass they caught. Over the last 10 years or so, angler attitudes toward catch and release fishing have steadily improved to the point where the majority of ardent freshwater anglers now release all but one or two trophy bass per season. Guthrie points out that, although the general public may harvest more bass than the cooperators, the angling mortality for Lake Ronkonkoma is still extremely low.

While the adult population of bass looks stable, there is some question as to the stock of juveniles. From 1982-85, catches of bass measuring less than 8 inches ranged from a high of 8.4% to a low of 7.0%. During the 1986 season, however, this figure nosedived to 2.5%. The cause for the drop is uncertain at present, but it probably indicates poor recruitment from the 1985 year class. At this point, the DEC is not overly concerned with the drop as there are plenty of spawning sized fish in the population. Hopefully, a good spawn this year and last will alleviate any worries about future stocks.

As with the Peconic River then, Lake Ronkonkoma seems to be in pretty good shape, at least from a largemouth bass point of view.

While Lake Ronkonkoma and the Peconic River experienced banner seasons last year, 1986 proved to be an up and down type of year for cooperators fishing on Fort Pond in Montauk. On the up side, the

largemouth bass catch rate increased from .19 to .29 fish per hour. While this figure is way below the high of 0.65 recorded in 1984, it is the second highest recorded for this body of water. Average length and PSD of largemouth bass taken in Fort Pond have not changed substantially for cooperating anglers since the program on this lake began in 1983. This would lead one to believe that the largemouth population here has remained stable and balanced. However, spring electroshocking surveys made by the DEC indicate that cooperators may not be seeing the whole picture on this body of water. In both 1985-86, DEC surveys showed significantly lower PSDs than did the cooperators. This is probably a result of anglers targeting large bass and thus, missing the small fish. In any case, the low PSD in the DEC surveys point toward a definite shift to smaller fish in the Fort Pond population of largemouths. The reasons for this trend is unclear at present but the DEC will continue to monitor the situation.

Like the largemouths, the smallmouth bass population on Fort Pond may not be clearly reflected by the diary program. For smallmouths, cooperators reported catching only 28 fish during 1986. This is the smallest sample recorded since the program began so it is difficult to draw any conclusions about this population from the diary program alone. During 1986, cooperators reported their lowest catch rate for this species (.08). Most cooperator caught fish (57.1%) measured between 8 to 12 inches. By contrast, DEC electroshock surveys last spring turned up a large percentage of smallmouths measuring less than 8 inches. PSD for the cooperator caught bass measured 53.6% while the same measurement of the DEC survey was only 8.5%! It is possible, based on the electroshocking information, that there is a large population of young smallmouths that anglers are missing. If this is so, then smallmouth catch rates and length frequency distribution should both increase over the next couple of seasons. So despite the drop in smallmouth catch rate reported by cooperators this season, it would appear that the future holds improved fishing for this species.

Aside from largemouth bass and bronzebacks, Fort Pond also plays host to a stocked population of hybrid striped bass. These fish were more in evidence in 1986 than they have been in previous seasons. Last season, cooperators caught 62 hybrid stockies. This is a marked increase compared to the 9 fish taken between the 1984 and '85 seasons. Unfortunately, only one fish exceeded the 14 inch minimum size limit. This was disappointing as other DEC surveys indicate there are a fair number of hybrids to 5 lbs. residing in the lake at this time. According to Guthrie, two main factors probably account for the lack of success anglers are having this species. The first is that the hy-

brids behave differently from largemouths and smallmouths. The hybrids prefer more open water and often school tightly while in search of white perch and other baitfish. They are not likely to take up residence in downed shoreline timber or shallow coves. Thus, most bass fishermen are probably not working in waters conducive to holding the hybrids.

The second factor involved is an overabundance of small white perch. For the last two years, the perch have experienced very successful spawns. With so many small baitfish in the lake, the hybrids can afford to be choosy when it comes to feeding time. DEC examinations of captured hybrids reveal the bass feeding heavily on these perch. Some hybrids examined have had as many as a dozen young of the year white perch in their stomachs. Guthrie feels that live bait may be a better route to go than the usual lures anglers favor on this lake and this seems a fair assumption when you consider the vast amount of live bait available to the bass. Although the results of this stocking program have been lackluster so far, the DEC plans to stock the hybrids for at least another year. Hopefully, this season will see a continued increase in the catch rate combined with an increase in average length.

As you can see from the above, it looks as though the future of bass fishing in these three bodies of water is in pretty good shape. There are, however, a few variables that can affect the accuracy of the diary program.

First of all, the anglers who participate in this type of program are likely to be more experienced and better skilled at catching bass than is the general public. This may influence the study in at least three ways: (1) Cooperators probably catch substantially more bass than does the general public. (2) They likely catch larger fish, and (3) they may also release a greater percentage of their catch. Thus, the statistics compiled from the cooperators may not quite match those of average of beginner anglers. Charles Guthrie assures me that the DEC takes this into consideration when examining this data.

A second consideration that is readily apparent is that anglers tend to target large fish. This may result in a lack of information about juveniles. The conflicting information from the angler diaries and DEC electroshocking survey on Fort Pond are a case in point. For reasons such as this, the DEC uses several sampling methods on each body of water.

All in all, however, the DEC's Angler Cooperator Program does serve to provide a good amount of background data on the fish populations in the waters studied. When viewed in combination with other sampling methods such as electroshocking, it is a useful tool in understanding and managing fish populations.

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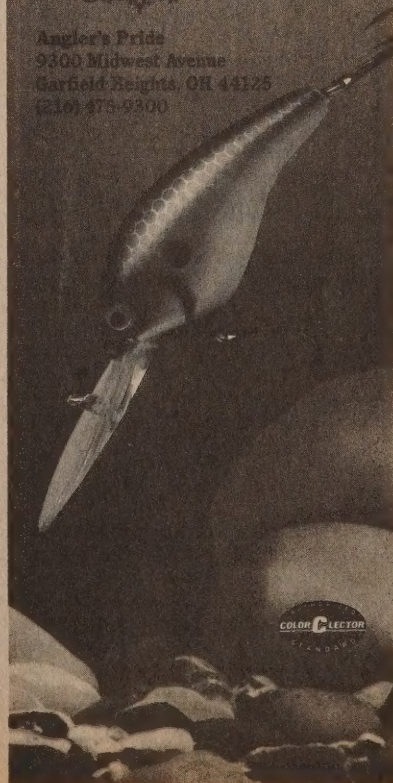
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TRIPLE PLAY BASS

by Carl Buxbaum

Largemouth, smallmouth and whiterock bass in the same pond? You bet! And of all places, right in the Village of Montauk, at the eastern tip of Long Island. While nearly everyone in the area is chasing saltwater fish, with boats resembling fully armed warships, it's possible for anglers to find action-packed sport on Fort Pond's relatively unpressured 192 acres of sweet water. Here, bulldog largemouths grow to 6 or more pounds and broad-shouldered smallmouths to about 4. Whiterock fingerlings, a hybrid cross of the noble striped bass and spunky white bass, were introduced in 1982 and grew to over 16 inches in only a couple of years. Although too soon to tell, some pushing the 10 lb. mark may be poised to strike in a few seasons. We've all heard stories about big bass, but don't seem to nail many. Those who've tried Fort Pond know that fish over 3 lbs. are common, and the catch rate is excellent.

The banks of this body of water are heavily developed. It lacks the peaceful, soothing atmosphere of more remote ponds. But the water quality remains good and bass thrive in a variety of fishy habitats. There are expanses of shallow, food rich flats at the north and southwest ends. Lily pads, submerged weeds, and brush piles provide good cover all along the western shore. Rock and rubble clusters dot the bottom in 8 to 15 feet

of water and the boulder strewn eastern shore drops steeply to about 20 feet. The middle is over 25 feet deep, offering a cool summer retreat for some fish.

Though there's plenty of cover for bass to cuddle in, none is too thick. So, medium spinning gear, spooled with 6 to 8 pound line is adequate in these fairly open waters. Light line seems to bring more hits from experienced, wary lunkers and from fussy smallmouths, in particular.

Fort Pond is the home of many species. But a special problem is caused by an overabundance of white perch. Sheer numbers cause so much competition for food that their growth is stunted, and they threaten the bass stocks. Though small, the perch are still too big to be eaten by all but the very fattest lunkers. They compete with the bass for food and prey upon recently hatched game fish. To protect a traditionally fine bass fishery, Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) biologists concluded that perch numbers had to be reduced.

Mainly for that purpose, hybrid whiterocks were introduced as supplementary predators. They are fast growing, ruthless, savages ordinarily growing large enough to feed on Fort Pond's white perch. Two birds might be killed with one stone. The perch could be brought under control, to help out the bass, and a new, especi-

ally bloodthirsty, husky battler would entertain fishermen.

Great! But what if something went wrong? Could the white rocks in some way harm the largemouths and smallmouths? Not likely—but possible. One reason for choosing whiterocks, as supplementary predators, is that they can't reproduce naturally. So, the DEC regularly monitors the fishery, and at the earliest hint of damage to the established resident bass, the whiterock stocking program can be abandoned. Those present will die off in time and the original balance might be restored. Not a bad safety valve.

So far, so good. A recent DEC survey found that although whiterocks remain a tricky quarry—hard to locate and therefore, tough to catch—they're thriving. No ill effects were detected among the largemouth and smallmouth stocks. In fact, some veteran anglers probing the pond all season, year after year, think black bass fishing is getting better. It's not that there are more big fish, nor are the lunkers heftier, but there are many more small bass of both varieties. Numerous 8 to 14 inchers seem friskier and fatter than ever. It's hard to explain. Some think the pond's unusually high water levels for the past few springs supported better spawning success along flooded shorelines. It might be the result of the 15 inch keeper limit imposed for

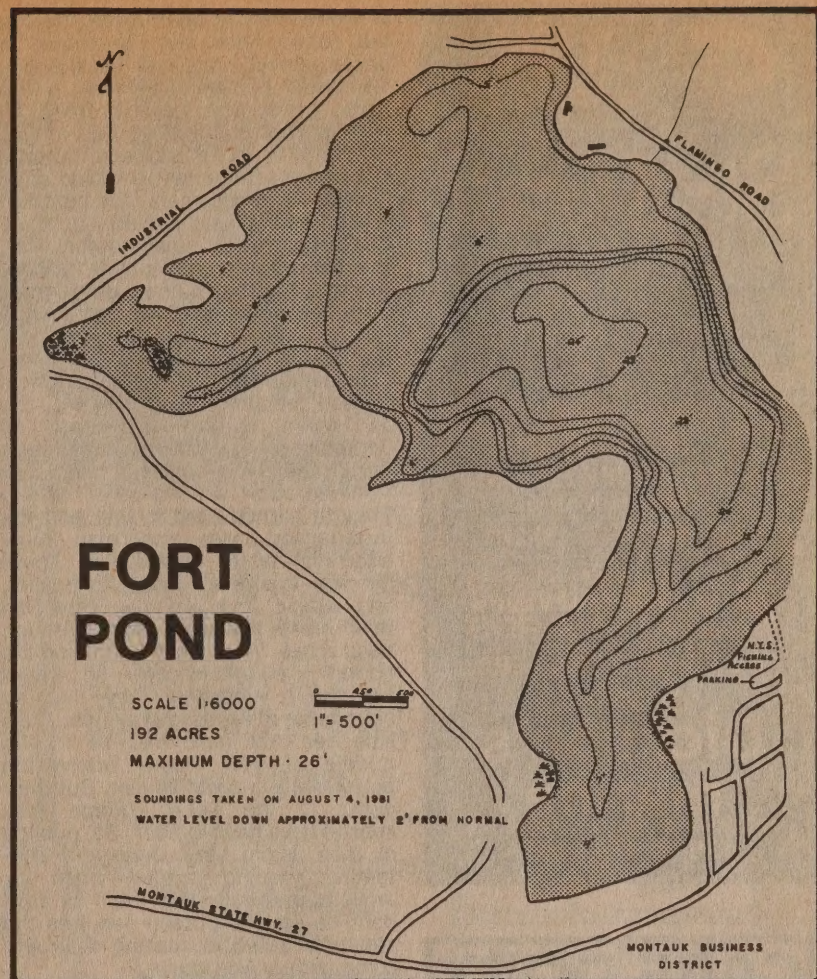
black bass, when the whiterocks were planted in '82. But neither story accounts for the fish being so fat and sassy. A few fellows speculate that these portly critters have been gobbling down whiterock fingerlings. Another possibility is that when the DEC deposited alewives, a herring-like favorite of whiterocks, to give the newcomers a head start, both the smallies and bucketmouths muscled in on the action. Whatever the cause, all those healthy youngsters hold forth great hopes for the future.

Long Island waters offer New Yorkers a two week jump on the season. While the statewide opener is the third Saturday of June, Fort Pond black bass can be taken on the first Saturday of the month. During June, bass are usually still lingering on their spawning grounds—the shallow flats and ledges near shore.

Largemouths are the most abundant of our three targets and can be found almost anywhere in the pond. The best bets are in the weedy, west side, shallow coves and pockets. Coves cutting way back into the shoreline and sporting clumps of small lily pads are especially worthy of attention. The fish seem to bunch up in these spots and it pays to really work them over.

Any lure or bait in a bass angler's arsenal will be effective at one time or another. The biggest fish, however, are suckers for dark, Texas rigged, 8 or 9 inch plastic worms. Purple and black seem most consistent. But on sunny days, if the water's clear, try lighter hues. Equally effective for lunker hunting are big bladed, souped-up spinnerbaits. These trail 4 inch plastic worms or grub tails, slipped over the hooks by the angler. All black and yellow-blue mixes seem most reliable. Many fishermen prefer the souped-up spinnerbaits because they can be worked faster than worms, allowing more water to be efficiently tested. Standard and curly-tailed spinnerbaits, 6 inch plastic worms and plugs will often take more largemouths—but only rarely does a truculent trophy tackle one of these. Remember, though, there are probably more fish in any spot where a couple were taken. So, before assuming the spot went dead, Fort Pond regulars learned to experiment with new temptations. More than once, a few modest bass fell for big plastic worms and fancy spinnerbaits in the same area. Then, there was a lull. Switching to a plug, like the Big-O, suddenly invited the wild assault of a 5 or 6 pounder.

The situation changes as July rolls around. Early season tactics still work for brief periods at dawn and dusk. But most largemouths have dropped over the ledges of the flats to the submerged weedbeds in 8 to 15 feet of water. The real pot-bellied brutes show a distinct preference for intricate rock and rubble heaps at those depths, and the best way to get their attention is with a big, black, plastic worm or quarter ounce jig and pig



combo. For the latter, brown is also effective. Heavier jigs seem to snag too often and are short on enticing liveliness during a very slow, steady retrieve. With worms also, the retrieve can't be too slow.

A depthfinder is helpful in locating hot bottom structure. There are, however, many shoreline clues pointing the way to some of the fishiest neighborhoods. So, the observant angler can get along without fancy electronics. Just look for the remains of old docks and construction sites, rocks and concentrations of deadfalls. Assume they extend into the water.

Some fishermen prefer live bait—various minnows, killies or night crawlers—but convincing evidence that bait does better on Fort Pond is scant. In any event, when it comes to bait, think big. Minnows shorter than 3½ or 4 inches and skinny garden worms bring on a plague of stunted white perch and bluegills. The big guys patiently save energy to track irresistible, gluttonous meals—near bottom.

Smallmouths are less abundant and more elusive than their chubby relatives. But they put the bucketmouths to shame in combat. Their determination, power and acrobatics make them a worthy quarry for any sportsman. They tend to congregate along the steep, rocky, east side of the pond and

on the slope of the prominent point of land thrusting out toward the middle from the western shore.

During June, the fall, and twilight periods, smallies can be plucked from the edges, or even among the rocks protruding from the water. In general, though, more consistent action is found in deeper water, off the exposed rocks. These critters seem to hover along the breaklines, where the bottom suddenly drops to 10 or 15 feet.

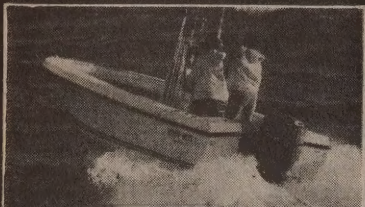
Sometimes a husky one will pounce on a souped-up spinnerbait or long worm; but for anglers specifically after smallmouths, it pays to think small. Mepps type spinners, standard 1/4 ounce spinnerbaits, 3 inch plugs and various jigs will all pay dividends. Best bets for a 4 pounder? Try any dark, 6 inch plastic worms, so long as it has a bright fluorescent tail. Stick with the slow retrieve, but make it lively. Twitch the rod tip up and allow the offering to flutter back to bottom. Be alert. They usually seize a worm on the drop, and only line watchers get to set the hook before it's too late. Quarter and eight ounce twister tailed jigs, worked in the same fashion, take smallmouths of all sizes. So do those jigs when rigged as spinnerbaits and retrieved at a moderate pace. These harvest fewer weeds and are less

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Bait enthusiasts should not scale down the size for smallmouths. Yes, the fish might really prefer smaller morsels, but they'll never get to them in the presence of those pesky white perch. Stick with the big stuff. It'll pay off with big bass.

Smallmouths, here, seem to school up and hit almost anything in June and again, as the water cools, in September. Try not to miss these fairly predictable spurts of action.

Whiterocks are another story. They're darned hard to find and the experienced bass fisherman must alter his habits to succeed. These hybrids are instinctively schooling and pelagic. They are open water fish that cruise like wolf packs through deep zones. They don't huddle on the bottom or cuddle in cover. So, where are they? Wherever they find an abundance of exposed prey fish. It's a safe bet that most will be in the middle of Fort Pond, where the bottom falls to about 20 feet. But their depth in the water column may change from hour to hour. So, outside of their active May, June and September feeding binges—when an angler can tangle with them by accident—a serious pursuit requires the stealth of a U-boat chasing destroyer commander. And sonar.

A graph depth recorder, one that actually prints fish, comes into its own now. Rather than just cruising in search of a school, it pays to set up a trolling pattern over deep water and trail 2 or 3 lures at different depths. That way, an angler may draw the attention of whiterocks beyond the conical range of the depthfinder's transducer.

The hybrids are known to cause a ruckus when driving schools of prey to the surface. Scenes of such slaughters have rarely been reported at Fort Pond, even during prime activity periods. We may have to wait for the stocks to build. Without a depth recorder, therefore, patient blind trolling or drifting is required.

When a school is found in 10 or more feet of water, vertical jigging's an effective strategy. Bright spoons, white or yellow bucktail and plastic tailed jigs and flashy in-line spinners are proven lures. Hold the boat over the action and keep the lure in the strike zone. Don't waste time dropping a jig to 20 feet, when whiterock are holding at 10 to 15, for example. Instead, drop it to 15, twitch the rod a few times, and begin a moderate to fast retrieve back up to 10 feet. Then, let the lure flutter back to the bottom of the range and start over. If there aren't any takers, vary the retrieve. Be prepared for a pick-up while the lure is falling.

The same offerings are productive

for schools found closer to the surface—but the approach is different. Whiterocks are nervous, not nearly as tolerant of human intruders as black bass. Bring a boat too close and the school sounds instantly, sending the fisherman on another long search. Sharpies cast to the edges of schools, from their maximum range. If the fish don't hit with enthusiasm, thin minnow crankbaits, in the strike zone, should wake them up.

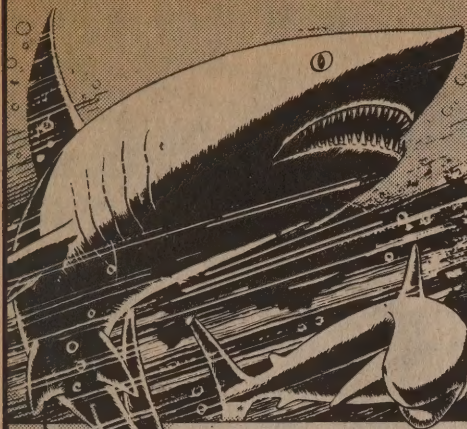
The effective lures all imitate minnows. Whiterocks seem to have inherited the tastes of both parents. Striped and white bass love herring-like fish, with the alewife and shad near the top of the menu. When these aren't available, though, they seem eager to take other fish. Baitfishermen can do well with live golden shiners, alewives, killies, and white perch. The first two are hard to come by on eastern Long Island. Freeze-dried alewives, however, are available from the Jib-Way Bait Company, Box 418, White Earth, MN 56591, and killies can easily be trapped in local tidal creeks and bays. Don't forget the supply of perch right in Fort Pond. Last season a couple of fellows put a dent in the hybrid stocks by drifting live white perch along the dropoff from 15 to 20 feet of water. They spent about an hour filling a live well; taking perch on tiny minnow plugs and spoons with ultralight gear. Then they set to work on whiterocks. This seems to be the ticket, when the fish are hard to find.

Although there's no closed season on whiterocks, serious anglers will plan trips for May, June and September—when they seem to wake up fierce and hungry. There should be lots of fish over the 14 inch keeper limit this season.

Though some nice fish can be caught by wading, a johnboat or canoe makes a tremendous difference. Gas powered motors are prohibited on Fort Pond. However, electric trolling motors are okay—and greatly appreciated by any who've tried rowing or paddling in the face of Montauk's persistent stiff breezes. The Boathouse, on South Emery Street, rents rowboats for muscular, caloused anglers willing to brave the winds. An anchor is mandatory to hold a position over fish or take a break.

This is saltwater country. So, most anglers will want to bring their tackle from home. Among the local shops, though, Johnny's Tackle stocks a basic supply of bassin' gear; since the proprietors, John and Kathy Kronuch, developed a passion for sweet-water angling a couple of years ago. Their shop is at the east end of the main street. You can't miss it, on the south side.

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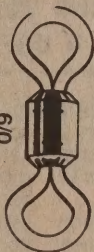
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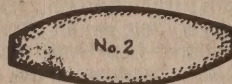
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by Jim White

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If you asked most fishermen today about selecting the all-around fishing boat, I'd bet very few would choose a canoe. You don't hear much about canoes probably because of the bass machine craze and the ever increasing popularity of fishing tournaments. This fact alone, makes them scoffed at and overlooked.

But a canoe can give you opportunities not open to the larger boat owner. It allows you to cover a lot of water that's also not accessible to shore fishermen and even use techniques such as trolling to put lures, bait or flies in sight of more fish. When there are only two fishermen, canoe's can't be beat. They can be maneuvered into the tightest of places and have the added ability to sneak-up quietly on unsuspecting fish.

Canoes are easy to transport, even on today's smaller compact cars and can be carried into waters where there are no roads or ramps for larger craft. When properly used, they also provide a stable platform from which to cast, still fish or troll for most any species.

When selecting a canoe, keep in mind the type of hull design, its length and the material. Some of the more reasonably priced materials are also the most durable. For strength, aluminum probably leads the way,

but newer fiberglass models and space age plastics such as Coleman's Ram-X are also high on strength and durability. The advantage of plastic is its lightness in weight.

Make sure you select a canoe meant for fishing and not for racing or white water conditions. If you fish on lakes only or 90 percent of the time is spent on similar bodies of water, then a canoe with a keel that will stay on track in crosswinds is advised. For river or stream fishing or where moving water is a consideration, then no keel may be more suited to your needs, being able to have better control in currents.

One doesn't think in terms of freeboard and beam when thinking of canoes, but you should. Canoes with more beam are usually more suited to fishing situations. As you increase in length in fishing models, you usually gain some in freeboard. Maine guide models are good examples of good, stable fishing platforms.

The last option left is purchasing a used canoe, but they don't give them away. With minimal care they retain their value for many years. Unless you're on a tight budget or come across a good buy, new is probably the way to go.

Canoe sizes are something many fishermen argue over the winter

months and right into the fishing season. Determine your needs, then select accordingly. Twelve or 13 foot models are great for fishing alone or carrying for some distance; for two people a 15 to 17 foot model works good and still afford you a little more room than the 13. The larger sizes of 17 to 18 feet fit the bill if you carry a lot of gear and fish a lot of big water. The larger sizes with their broader beam and higher freeboard are more suited to carrying an extra load and passengers.

Before you buy, shop around. Don't grab the first one you see. Check newspapers for ads or visit local boat shows that sometimes offer special show discounts. The wiser you shop, the more you'll get for your dollar.

When selecting paddles, go with what feels good. Good laminated wood, single-blade paddles are preferred over metal shaft ones. If you fish early in the season or late season, then you'll appreciate the warmer feel of wood on the hands on nippy mornings. Don't skimp on paddles. Get the best you can afford and they'll repay you many times over.

Oars can also be employed in a canoe, especially when there's only one person on board. Canoes row extremely easy, almost without effort. It's good when you want to troll as

this enables you to control the rate of speed and direction with pinpoint accuracy. Trout fishermen will appreciate dragging flies or streamers in this fashion. In fact, it's often a preferred method.

Also not to be overlooked are the square stern models that can take a small outboard or an electric motor. These canoes top range is about 5 hp. With a special adapter bracket an electric trolling motor can also be used on this type or the other. With today's newer, stronger and lighter motors they make a very efficient means of moving the boat from spot to spot. This setup is also good for fishing small lakes or slightly larger bodies of water where distance is a consideration. This type canoe usually has a wider beam and doesn't paddle quite as well as the standard models, but for fishability, they're great.

Life jackets are very important in canoeing and this is an area that you should get the best jacket that you can afford. In most cases, the jacket should always be worn, as canoes tip very easily. More drownings occur each year from people inexperienced in handling a canoe or unfamiliar with its handling and many could have been prevented had its occupants been wearing life jackets. There are many fine vests and jackets available today. With new space age materials, they're light in weight and comfortable to wear.

Since canoes can be transported on the smallest of compact cars, you'll need some sort of rack or carrier. Again, you should get the best you can afford. You don't want your boat coming off the roof while en route to your favorite lake or while on the highway. A problem encountered by some will be whether or not your vehicle has rain gutters. A lot of newer model cars don't have gutters with their aerodynamic design. I know firsthand as I have that problem with my Ramcharger. There's gutters in the front over the doors, but none in the rear as the window blends with the roof. I have to run a 72 inch strap to the wheel housing to tie down the rear rack.

So before you buy, check your car or truck and see what you need to carry your canoe safely. There are soft pads which fit on the gunnels of the canoe and used in combination with stern and bow tie down ropes. I personally don't like them. The canoe moves too much while highway driving when the wind gets underneath. I feel permanent types are a lot safer over the long haul. Permanent types are made of metal and/or wood material. Some have feet and some suction cups. Again, check your roof and see what fits best.

Learn how to handle and operate your canoe safely and properly. Always use common sense and practice safety procedures on the water. A canoe can add a whole new dimension to your fishing experience. And best of all, they give you the most pleasure for your hard earned dollar.

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STRUCTURE: THE KEY TO BLACK BASS

by C. Boyd Pfeiffer

Just getting a lure into the water and keeping it there when bass fishing is not enough. You've got to get that lure into the water near structure, since bass will almost always relate to structure. The only exceptions to this are when they are moving such as in a pre-spawn or post spawn period, or when weather or current conditions force them to move from one location to another. And even then, they are moving from one piece of structure to another.

Just how strong is this drive to relate to structure? Strong, real strong. In one experiment conducted by fisheries biologists, a half dozen 2 pound largemouth bass were placed in a large plain white round tank, almost like a large kiddies wading pool. They wandered aimlessly in this plain tank and would ultimately die if

left there. But when a board was placed over one side of the tank, they all gathered there, relating to the board and to the shade that it created.

With the board removed and a pile of rocks dumped in one part of the tank, they all related to the rocks. In an extreme case, when all this structure was taken out of the tank but a *black stripe* painted on the side, they all gathered near the stripe, since it was the closest thing to some form of structure. The same thing would happen with any form of structure—be it a stump, log, brush pile, piling, etc. The key to structure for bass is no more difficult than finding something different in the water.

That something different can be the obvious stumps, logs, log jams, brush piles, standing timber, pilings, boat docks, duck blinds, bridge pil-

ings, rock piles, riprap, lily pads, downed trees, rotted boats in the water, foundations of old houses in flooded reservoirs or ponds, etc.

It can also be the less obvious such as a small point on an otherwise barren shoreline, a breakline off of a good spawning cove, a tiny rock projection on an otherwise plain rock face. If there is a difference in preference between largemouth and smallmouth it is that the largemouth prefer wood structure while smallmouth prefer rocky or gravelly structure. If the right structure is lacking, however, any bass will relate to any "different" structure, just as the experimental bass lined up with the painted black stripe when nothing else was available.

This insistence on structure applies to virtually all seasons of bass

fishing. In the winter when bass are deep or on the bottom, they will still usually relate to a small underwater hummock, or any structure that they can find in the deepest hole. In the early spring, they begin migrating into the shallows in preparation for spawning, but even then will move from the depths, to a ridge or underwater breakline, to offshore points and stumps, into more typical visible structure in the shallows. The reverse emigration pattern, with rests at typical structure points, takes place in a post spawning period.

Summer finds them again in the depths, often on a breakline where they can move from the depths of midday to the shallows of evening and early morning for feeding. Fall finds them again moving into the shallows, but always situated on or near structure.

Just how good a piece of structure is can be influenced by a number of factors. The prevalence of structure in an area, lake, or along a shoreline will determine just how good the structure might be. If a shoreline is littered with stumps or standing timber, bass have a choice and could be at any of a number of these structure possibilities. Such a shoreline makes for good fishing, since there are possibilities for several bass, but you must work each piece of structure to find them. In contrast, a stretch of shoreline that has only one or two stumps or pieces of structure will concentrate the bass to those areas, making them almost guaranteed of hits when the right lure is presented the right way.

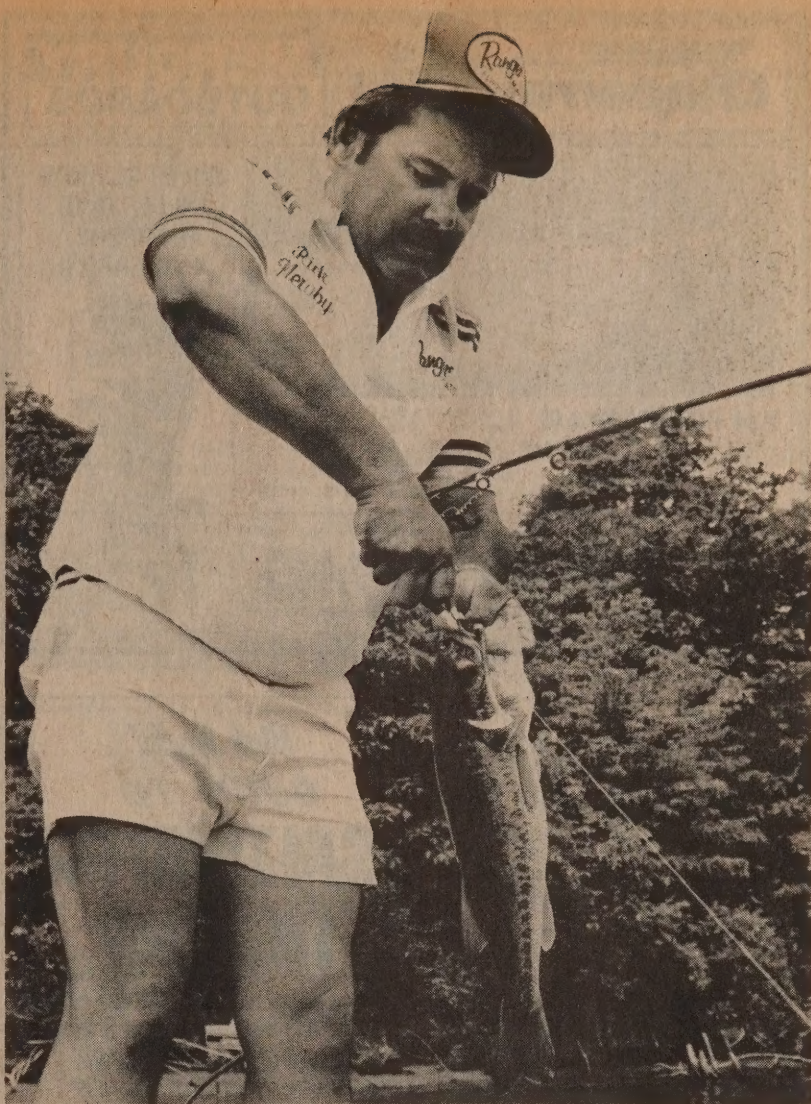
The same thing applies to those shorelines with no stumps or standing timber, but with a small rocky point or break in bottom topography. Then the bass, lacking anything else, will relate to that.

Similarly, the depth of the shoreline will determine the best time of the year to fish certain types of structure. Spring, pre-spawn, spawning, post-spawning and mid-fall are ideal times to find bass in the shallows. During the summer and winter, bass will still relate to structure, but it will be deep structure that is difficult to find except with topo maps or depth finders.

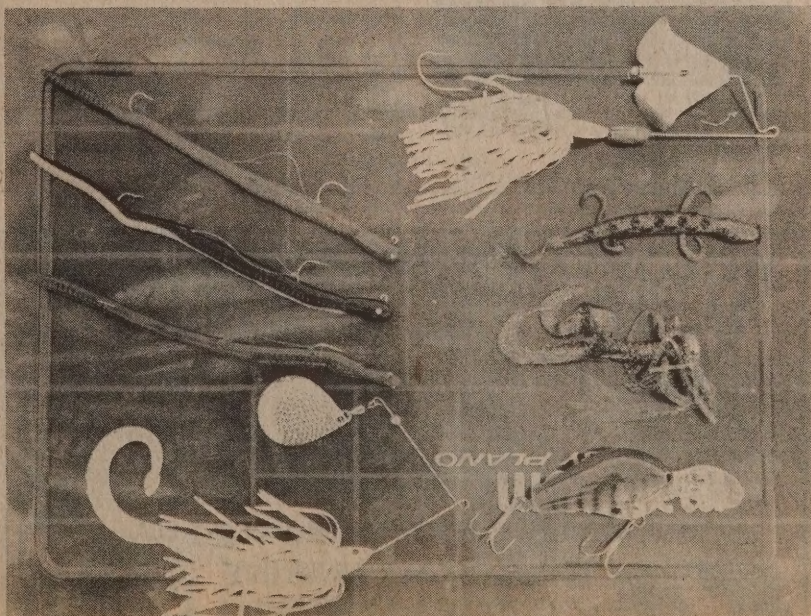
The topo maps of a lake will locate ridges, underwater hummocks, breaklines that drop off into deeper water, but will not pinpoint the exact location nor will they pinpoint underwater foundations, stump piles, rocks, boulders, or other deep structure. For these a depth finder is necessary with the new LCD screen or detailed graph types better than flashers for most anglers.

Current and shade also affect where the fish are located and how they will react. They also affect the best presentation for any lure. As with the bass hiding under the board in the experimental tank, bass like shade. Shallow water visible structure creates shade. Usually bass will hide in the shade created by structure with their head pointed out into the sunny

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Bass like this are easy once you master structure fishing.

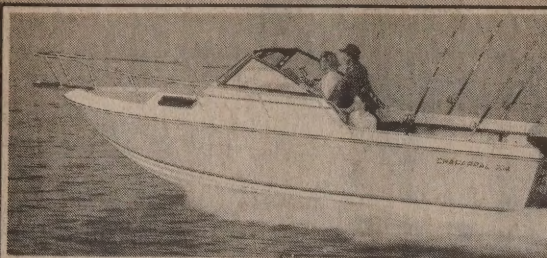


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area, ready to ambush any errant bait-fish or food that comes along. This can apply to larger stumps as well as the shady areas underneath boat docks, duck blinds, low bridges, and similar structure.

Presentation of a lure must take shade into account, throwing the lure beyond the structure so that it comes back and even bumps into the structure, if possible, on the shady side. This means that you might fish a stump differently with a different cast in the morning than in the afternoon. In the morning the shade will be on the west side of the stump, while in the evening it will be on the east side of the stump. During the middle of the day the little shade of summer will be on the north side. Longer shadows as a result of a lower sun position, will be prevalent in the spring and fall. Also the higher the piece of structure (assuming a single standing structure and not an overhanging dock or pier) the larger the shadow and the greater possibility of it being a good structure location for bass.

Current also affects the position of bass in relation to structure. Current is more prevalent for river smallmouth fishing, although it can affect largemouth in dammed lakes in which water is regularly released. With current, the bass will position themselves with their head into the current. This still gives them a wide variety of positions around a boulder, stump, rock pile or other structure, since the buffer of quieter water running by the structure will give them a wide choice of positions. Any piece of structure like this will provide quieter water in front, along the side and with a long tail or quiet water at the downstream end of the structure.

Since bass can pick any of these locations, they will often go to the shady side. This means a lure cast to structure in a running current should be first cast to the upstream side of the structure, gradually working along the side and finally fishing with casts across the quiet eddy water at the tail of the structure. Random casting might throw the lure behind the fish first, scaring them and eliminating any chances for a strike.

Size of the water to be fished has no relation on how individual structure is fished. It can be a reservoir, small pond, large river or tiny small-mouth creek. The fish don't know the size of their waterway and will react only to the type of structure and water conditions.

Some typical structure types and how to fish them include:

Shallow Water Structure: Stumps. Cast in relation to the shade or current, working multiple casts around the area. If possible run the lure into the stump and pause immediately afterwards. Prepare for a strike. Best lures include spinnerbaits, buzzbaits and crankbaits. A slow fished worm or jig bounced along the bottom is also good after trying the other lures.

Standing timber. Cast on both sides of the standing timber, again running the lures into the wood. Use

the same lures as above.

Downed trees or logs. Cast spinnerbaits or buzzbaits around and through the limbs of any downed timber. A good way to get a spinnerbait up over limbs is to raise the rod and speed up the lure over the branch, letting it drop and yo-yo down on the other side. Prepare for a hit at this point. Flipping a jig or plastic worm is also excellent.

Treetops. Spinnerbaits, crankbaits and jigs are all good for this structure, casting into it with a heavy rod and line and ripping the lure through the twigs. Worms with heavy (3/4 ounce) bullet weights pegged to the line are also good for flipping and vertical jigging to get deep.

Brush piles. Fish the same as for treetops.

Boat docks, duck blinds, low bridges. Use a spinnerbait or crankbait (because of its weight the spinnerbait will cast better) to underhand flip cast a lure under the dock and into the shady areas. Run the lure so that it knocks the pilings on the way out. For this reason, floating docks are not as good as standing docks. For floating docks, run the lure along the edge of the shade line.

Riprap. Use a jig, slow fished spinnerbait or deep diving crankbait to work the lure all along the rocks and gravel.

Boulders. Often found in large rivers where they are excellent cover for smallmouth; treat them as outlined above for fishing current and shade. Cast small top water lures, small crankbaits and soft plastics. In reservoirs and ponds fish slowly with jigs and soft plastics.

Lily pads and other floating weeds. These offer protection and shade along with a ready cafeteria of small bait fish for food. Fish with a jig to get down through the weeds, over the top with a weedless spoon, with a buzzbait or spinnerbait dropped into holes, or with a worm rigged with a heavy bullet weight. Cast along the edges with a crankbait or deep fished spinnerbait.

Deep Structure: Stumps. If visible through the water or on a recorder, fish with a crankbait working the lure so that it hits and bounces off of the stump or stumps. Prepare for a strike.

Standing timber. Work the same as with stumps above. For very deep water or standing timber, use a jig, heavy worm or structure spoon to vertically jig right next to the trunk.

Pilings. Fish bridge and other pilings just as standing timber.

Boulders. Vertically jig structure spoons, spinnerbaits, jigs and weighted worms. Work deep diving crankbaits so that they run by and hit the boulder, making them veer off to the side.

Following these guidelines is not a guarantee to a full livewell on every trip. Nothing is. But following these guidelines will give you a big advantage over a lot of other bass fishermen. It will put you in the neighborhood where the bass are located so that your lure in the water is more likely to be seen—and hit—by a bass.



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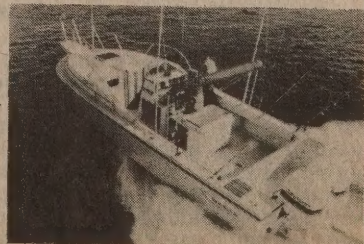


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TOURNAMENT BASSIN'

by Gary Caputi

Bass tournaments are on the increase as more anglers than ever are heeding the call of the tournament trail.

The sky was still dark when I heard his car crunching the stones in the driveway as it pulled up in front of the house. I glanced at the old wall clock as the chimes slowly sounded 4AM, while I gulped another mouthful of coffee and poured the rest in the thermos.

It was going to be a long day of fishing, one I was looking forward to for some time. The car in the driveway belonged to John Avery, my fishing partner for the day in what was to be the first bass tournament I've fished in over 8 years. Ahead of us was an hour's drive to the check-in at the launch site, a full day of fishing from 7AM until weigh-in at 3PM and then the awards ceremony and the drive home.

This is fun to a competitive bass angler and I planned on fishing hard and enjoying the day's contest. The day before was spent going over the new bass boat and checking all the systems for any bugs. The live well aerators to keep the fish in prime shape for their eventual release after weigh-in, the trolling motor, electronics, gassing it up, charging the batteries. The last thing you need is a system failure when you're out fishing a tournament. A dead bass costs points and worse than that, is a personal defeat for better tournament anglers who pride themselves on not killing any fish!

Then going over the tackle. Do I need several spinning outfits? How about the straight butt crankbait rod? Will the conditions be good for flipping? That means I'll need the flip-pin sticks. Revamping the tackle boxes is good for another couple of hours in the basement checking to see if there are enough jigs and pork rind. Are the right assortment of plugs and spinnerbaits in their respective compartments? And what about those special color plastic worms that you heard were so hot on the river.

Now to sleep. Who are you trying to kid—sleep with a tournament coming up in a couple of hours. No way. The body's tired but the mind won't shut down long enough to sleep. Will we get a good boat number so we can can a jump on the other boats to the spot we have staked out where we know there are some bass? Is the boat fast enough to outrun competitors to be the first ones on it? Should we have chosen a spot to the south on the river

or are we right in going north to the cove? A million questions keep rolling through your head.

Right about the time you realize you're asleep, the alarm clock goes off and it's time to get dressed and roll. This certainly isn't like just going fishing. The excitement is much more evident. There's a whole new feeling about it that is very much like when you played football on the high school team the night before the big game.

Everything is in the truck, the boat's hooked up and off we go, heading for the tournament. The conversation in the truck is almost a replay of what's been going through our heads the night before only now we ask the questions out loud to each other. This is going to be a lot of fun!

We checked in and launched the boat, happy in the realization that we are boat number six and that means there are only five boats ahead of us at the start. Then it's the wait for the signal from the tournament director. It seems to take forever to check in the rest of the field of competitors, while we sit there with big outboard idling gruffly behind us. It can't wait for him to call our starting number either! Even the damn motor is anticipating the race up-river to the fishing. This is getting to be more invigorating by the minute. I sure don't feel like I didn't sleep last night. I couldn't be any more wide awake if I chugged a whole pot of 7-11 coffee.

And then he starts to release the boats. Gone are the days of the banzai starts with 50 or 60 boats all nailing the throttles at once in a mad attempt to jockey for position. Now it's draw for your number and release the boats one at a time in order of number.

That was number three, only two more to go...number four, my foot thumps the throttle and the big Yamaha revs to 5000 RPMs in a flash. Number five, get ready as I slip the shift lever into gear...number six! and we're flying up the river somewhere over 55 MPH catching up to the only other boat ahead of us that didn't go south. He isn't too far ahead and we're closing on him. If we can get ahead and gain enough water between us, we can duck into the cove and get on the spot without him seeing where we went.

We're by him and John is looking at me from the passenger seat with a look on his face that says "this thing

can really go!" As we get a few hundred feet out in front, we know we can make the cove and be left alone, at least for awhile. We blast into the entrance of the cove and back off the throttle to slip up onto the channel edge we have figured for a few good bass. Off with the life vests and down with the bow mount trolling motor. Flip on the forward LCD, pick up a rod and start casting. Seven casts into the contest and John hangs a real good fish on a crankbait. The old Bomber strikes again.

The fish is nice, a good tournament fish. It is fighting hard and we can see that it is only hooked in the lip. The net, get the net...where the hell is the net. Back in the driveway at home, where else. I better lip him because this is a buddy tournament and that fish is half mine. We get the bass in the boat and he is good for three pounds or better. Great tournament fish. A few more of these and it's fat city. John is smiling, looking for all the world like the Cheshire cat from "Alice in Wonderland."

There are more bass swirling on the surface chasing herring. In fact, there are herring everywhere in the cove. More bait than you want to see in a situation like this because your lures are competing with the live bait swimming all around you. A few minutes later a strong "tap" on the jig and worm I'm throwing. It's a bass, no doubt! A sharp hook set, a quick hard tug on the line and bink—

Just to rub it in, a fat, 3 lb. bass leaps clear of the water shaking his head wildly in an attempt to dislodge the jig and worm hooked in the top of his mouth. No sooner does he hit the water than he jumps again with defiance in his eyes and the jig hook gone! That hurts, that really hurts.

"Forget about it, just keep fishing. There's more fish here and they're sure feeding," John said trying to keep me from feeling too bad about breaking off my first tournament bass in 8 years. Nice try John, but I was beyond annoyed. I was already counting the effect that losing a 3 lb. bass in a tournament can have upon the outcome.

Then the fish just turned off. Stopped! No more action around the boat and the herring didn't seem at all bothered any more. That was it for this spot and another 45 minutes of working it and the surrounding area

proved that. To the next spot, but the rest of the day came up empty. No hits, no runs, just my one error.

During the afternoon, we came across several other boats in the tournament and gained solace in the news that not one boat had a single fish in the live well. We continued trying spot after spot, but nothing. It was 2:30, half an hour before weigh-in and we were about 20 minutes away. The strategy was to run south back to the ramp, stopping at one cove just five minutes away to try for one last fish. We made the run fast, fished until 2:55 and hit the river flat out running for finish line. If you're late, you can be penalized several ounces of weight for every overdue minute. When you only have one fish in the box you can't afford even one second's worth of penalty.

We're back and just in time. The more we talk to contestants waiting to take their boats out at the ramp, the more we hear that almost no one has caught fish. Then we hear that one boat had 9 bass to weigh in and our hopes fall a little. Minutes later it's to the scales with our one live bass, Walter. He's been in the live well since 7:30 this morning and we felt we knew him well enough to name him. A look at the tote board showed that only three other boats in the entire tournament had fish to weigh in and not one near as big as good old Walter. Walt hit the scales at 3 lbs. 4 oz. and was not only the lunker, but by himself qualified us for third place. Then it was back into the river and we watched Walt swim away.

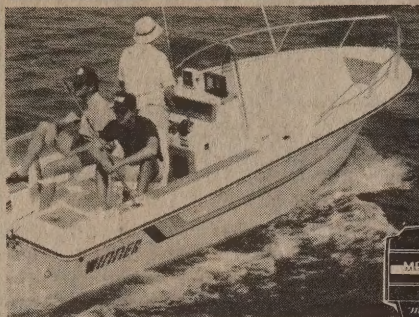
Third place wasn't so bad. Especially when you add in the lunker pool money. This tournament stuff is more fun than I thought it would be. The other guys were great fun to compete against and probably the most friendly competitors you will find in any sport, especially one that involves prize money. The day was long, especially with the fishing so slow, but we hardly noticed it was slow. You don't take time to when you're tournament fishing.

My arms were a little sore from the continuous casting, my eyes were red from running a high performance boat several miles down the river into a strong headwind at full throttle, but that was fun, too. In fact, that's the whole trouble with this tournament bass fishing. It's too damn much fun. You could learn to like it and Lord knows where that could lead!

First you start with a few friendly local bass club tournaments. Then you move up to interclub tournaments and State Federation contests. Next thing you know you're thinking about the Redman Tournament Trail or the new American Bass Tournament Series. You might even end up at the Bassmaster's Classic, bass fishing's Superbowl, Wimbledon and World Series all rolled up into one.

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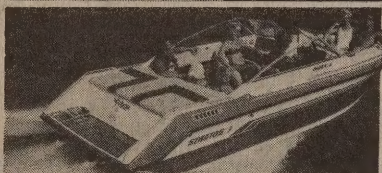
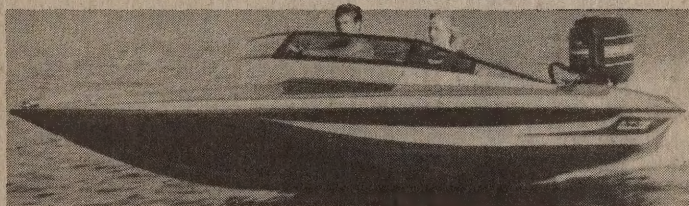
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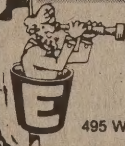
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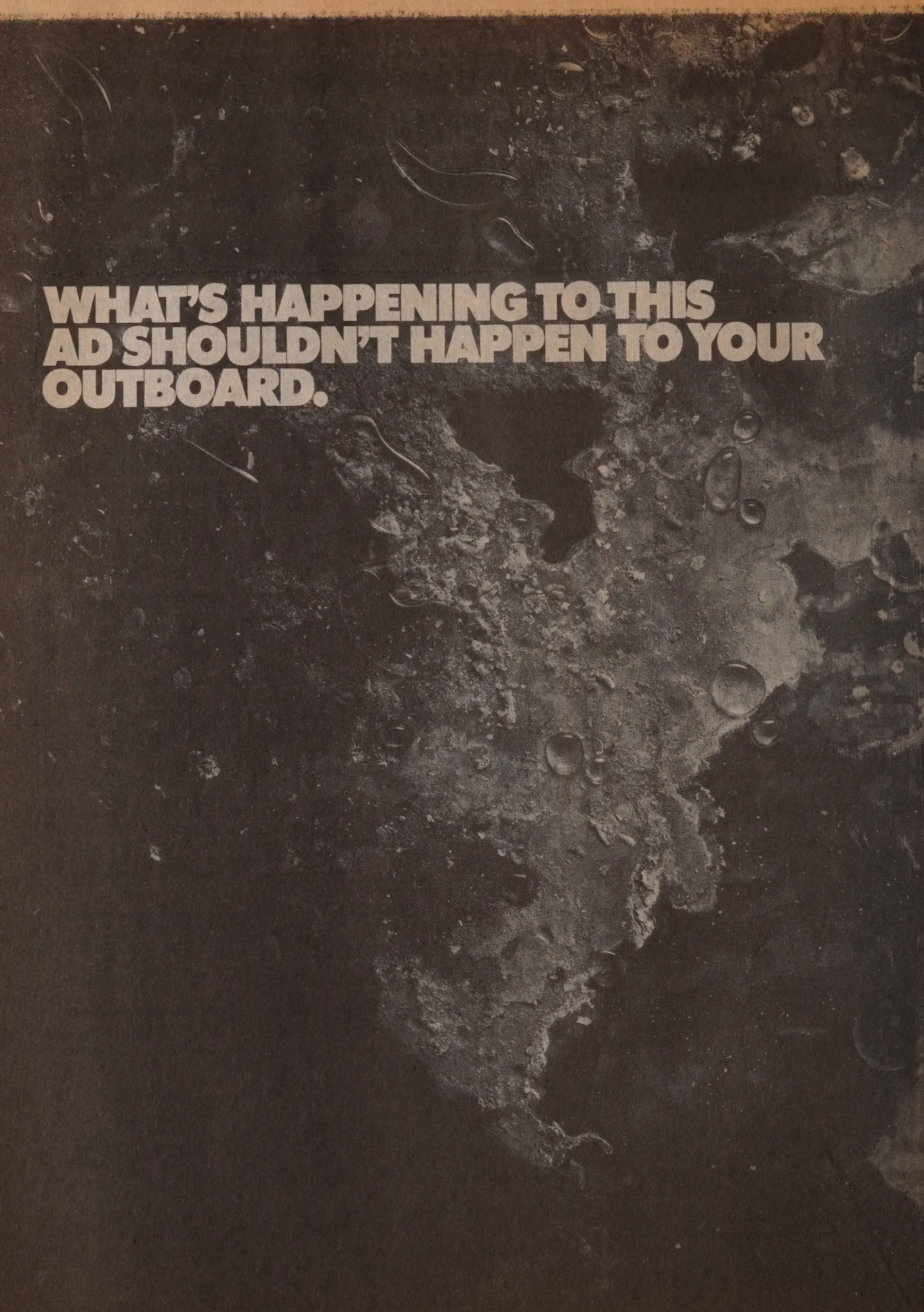
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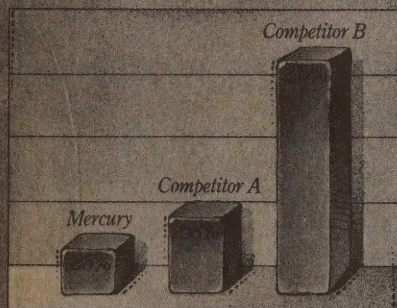
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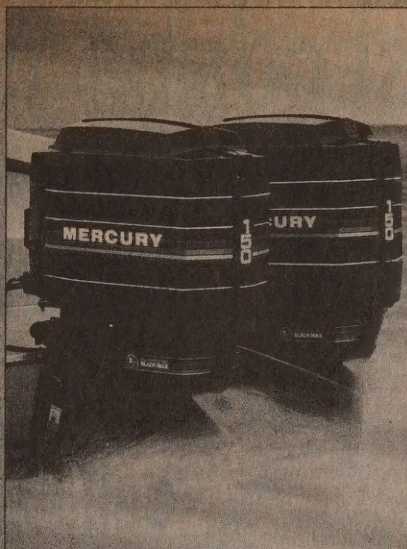
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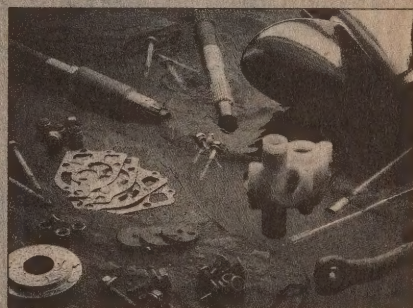
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INFLATABLE FISHING

by Russ Wilson

A lot of today's apartment dwellers who might want to get into fishing and boating don't want to spend a small fortune on a sleek cabin cruiser or pay a like amount to secure adequate dock space. Others may not be interested in going all out to buy a large craft for their first entry into boating, but do not have room to keep a trailerable rig stored at the limited parking that is common when leasing at most modern apartment complex or town houses.

Inflatables have come a long way in recent years. The days when rubber boats suffered dry rot are a thing of the past. Today's inflatable will last for years, can be stored most anywhere due to its compact size, and is a seaworthy craft that can be used in both fresh and saltwaters.

The average weight of inflatable craft, once a major factor to consider, has been decreased through the use of lightweight synthetics, modern design and technology.

There was a time, immediately following World War II, when the American public was enamoured with inflatables. Soldiers, sailors and marines, returning from the Pacific were all too familiar with the role that inflatable life rafts played in survival

and in many instances could thank the odd shaped craft for saving their lives.

Our first inflatable was purchased for the grand sum of \$10 from a local Army/Navy surplus store in Asbury Park. As I recall, it had a four person capacity and weighed enough to require at least that many people just to lift it off the ground and a half dozen more to get it inflated. Using the boat required herculean efforts. Oars, wooden seats and a foot pump were part of the package that was included when the raft was purchased. The seats were easy enough to install and using the oars didn't take too much effort. But, the foot pump was something else.

There is a lot to be said about being young. For sure one has a lot more energy and a lot less common sense. We lugged the raft to Deal Lake, Takanassee Lake in Long Branch and on occasion begged Mom or Dad to drive us and our prize to Swimming River, Shadow Lake or one of the pinelands ponds in Ocean County.

Once at our destination we had to assemble the raft, pump it up enough to support us and our lunch, tackle boxes and bait. Until you've had the pleasure of inflating one of those post

war rubber rafts you have not lived. I have serious doubts that I could accomplish the task today, but back then, it was part of the fun and anyone who wanted an inexpensive boat for fishing considered the work a small price to pay for the additional enjoyment of having a boat to reach spots that could not be fished from shore.

Times change as do the tastes of outdoor sportsmen. The inflatable fell from grace rather quickly. I would imagine it had something to do with dry rot, for those older inflatables were made of neoprene rubber and all had vulcanized seams which could and usually did, separate after long periods of storage.

A tube of glue and some patching material was included in the accessory package. Small leaks were easy enough to repair and often it was necessary to break out the patch kit and make on-the-spot repairs.

Larger tears or seam rips were something else and usually meant a trip to the local gas station, a situation that was all too common among owners of the post war survival boats.

Giant strides have been taken in the field of inflatable boats. Gone are

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Inflatables are enjoying a resurgence in popularity and their versatility is being noticed by anglers.

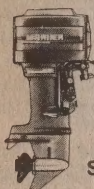
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the heavyweight neoprene dinosaurs with their metal oars and heavy wooden seats. Today's inflatable is lighter, stronger, constructed of modern synthetic materials, designed to operate efficiently in the fresh or saltwater environment with outboard motors and will, if treated with a little care, outlive its owner.

You will, of course, pay more for these advances. It has been said you get what you pay for. In the inflatable boat market as in every facet of life, this is true. The shrinking dollar, increased costs for materials, labor and shipping have caused huge price increases among manufacturers of inflatable craft, and yet, the inflatable boat is still one of the best buys in the boating marketplace.

A lot of fishermen are jumping on the inflatable and for good reason. Just last weekend, when navigating our way through a small fleet of boats at Shark River we were overtaken by a couple of fishermen who were running 12 or 14 foot inflatables. Tackle boxes bouncing, coolers tied down and rods sticking up from makeshift rod holders, those inflatable boaters were ready for any kind of weather that came their way and if necessary, could quickly and safely, run their boats right up onto the beach.

Most any boat owner who rents an apartment must either spend additional funds to lease adequate dock space for his or her boat, or must make some type of arrangement with the apartment manager to park the boat and trailer on the apartment complex grounds.

If you have the funds to purchase, dock and store a mid-size boat at one of the shore area marinas, the problem is solved. But, at today's dock and storage rates, you can anticipate laying out a lot of green if you follow this route.

The angler who is basically interested in fishing small fresh water lakes and ponds is going to need less boat than another sportsman who hopes to tackle the salt chuck. By the same token, anyone who wants a "go anywhere" inflatable should bypass the smaller models and focus specifically on inflatables that are designed to take outboard motors and can be used for water skiing, family fun and fishing.

A lot of European companies are importing high quality products. The television exposure given the inflatable has created a ready market among the American boating public and manufacturers are more than eager to respond to the demand by designing lightweight inflatables that range from donut size float tubes to larger offshore models which have a maximum weight capacity that belies their overall size.

Somewhere between these two extremes you'll find a model that fits your pocketbook as well as your requirements.

There is no doubt our first inflatable left a lot to be desired. It was a cumbersome brute to drag to the

water's edge, leaked like a sieve and was harder to inflate than the Good-year Blimp. But, that \$10 boat caught us a lot of fish and gave us more enjoyment than many of the larger gas hogs we've owned in recent years.

Dacron, nylon, hypalon and neoprene are used in the manufacture of many inflatables. These modern synthetics provide lightweight, super strength and durability and will give many years of carefree service. An example, the Achilles LS-4GX has a maximum weight carrying capacity of 950 pounds, but has a total weight of only 73 pounds!

The LS-4GX measures 9' 6" in length and has a 4' 8" beam. It is rated to carry four passengers plus gear and accommodate outboard motors of up to 8 hp. Not too shabby when you consider this model will fold into a compact package that measures 3' 6" x 1' 9" x 1', and can be stored in the family auto or tucked away in a closet or basement.

The LS-4GX is constructed of a tough nylon covered hypalon outer shell and neoprene on the inside to ensure a leak free surface. The amount of hypalon exceeds industry standards and ensures maximum resistance to the elements, even in saltwater climates.

This particular model has a list price of \$1100, making it a very affordable craft for fishing or family fun. Additional information regarding the LC-4GX and other Achilles inflatables may be obtained by contacting Achilles Inflatable Craft, 390 Murrey Hill Parkway, East Rutherford, NJ 07073.

There are many companies currently marketing inflatables throughout the U.S. and pricing is very competitive. It pays to shop, as you will discover, prices will vary greatly from one dealer to another. Boston Whaler, for instance, has a complete line of moderately priced inflatables that can be used for fishing as well as a variety of fun type water sports. Each of the Whaler models carry a five year warranty and is constructed of a tough hypalon coating. Marine grade plywood flooring plus a unique joining system makes assembly an easy task and fitted oarlocks ensure that the oars will stay in position.

The Boston Whaler inflatables come in a variety of sizes and styles ranging from a 9 foot dinghy to the 14 foot Sport model which is rated to handle 40 hp outboards and has an 8 person capacity.

Inflatables that are designed specifically for fishing are built to withstand a lot of abuse and when exposed to saltwater usage, the extra toughness is of great importance.

Most of the fishermen we've known who were into inflatables used them for fishing the jetty fronts for striped bass or when probing inshore waters where bottom fish, blues or weakfish were the primary target. In this particular situation, rigid flooring is vital. Anglers must stand to cast,

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manipulate lures, or gaff fish, and the rigid flooring provides a more stable platform. Any inflatable that has soft flooring is not practical for this type use and is not recommended.

Stability is one of the major features of today's inflatables. Due to the manner in which these boats are designed, with large pontoon type sides and bow, solid transom and rigid floor, they provide an extremely stable ride in moderate seas.

I have not fished from an inflatable in a number of years, but seeing the number of anglers who are currently using them, I am getting the urge to buy one just for fishing the back bays, rivers and when plugging the jetties for bass.

There are numerous companies currently marketing inflatables throughout the U.S. Following is a partial list including some of the more well known companies that have distribution centers in the Northeast area:

Achilles Inflatable Craft, 390 Murray Hill Parkway, East Rutherford, NJ 07073; **Avon Inflatables Limited-Intra Corporation**, 151 Mystic Ave., Medford, MA 02155; **Boston Whaler Inc.**, 1149 Hingham St., Rockland, MA 02370; **Rubber Crafters (USA)** of West Virginia, Inc., Route 47, P.O. Box 8, Smithville, WV 26178; **Semperit-Steyr Daimler Puch of America Corp.**, 80 Field Point Rd., Greenwich, CT 06830; **Zodiac** of North America, 11 Lee St., Annapolis, MD 21401.

Novurania, inflatables from Italy has their corporate office at **Proko International**, 12511 Beatrice St., Los Angeles, CA 90066, and has models ranging from 9' 5" to a 16 foot dandy that has a weight capacity of more than 2200 pounds. The larger model is rated to handle a 65 hp outboard and will easily tow a water skier.

If you doubt the safety of these often overlooked craft, take into consideration the fact that the United States Coast Guard is currently using inflatables when called upon for rescue at sea missions.

If the inflatable is good enough for the Coast Guard, you can bet they will do a job for sportsmen and fun seekers who do not have adequate storage space or a heavy duty tow vehicle to transport a trailerable boat to the water.

Persons who may wish to learn more about inflatable boats might want to purchase a copy of "The Complete Book of Inflatable Boats," 256-pages, \$7.95 by CDR Don Hubbard, USN (Ret). The book is available at marine, book and sport stores or direct from the publishers: Western Marine Enterprises Inc., Box Q, Ventura, CA 93002. When ordering from the publishers add \$1.25 per book for shipping and handling.

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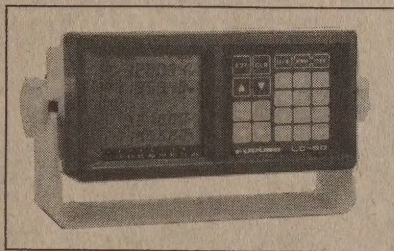
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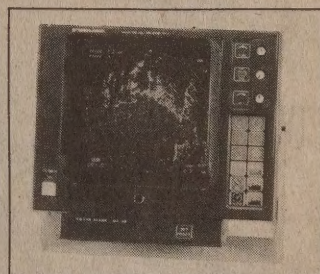
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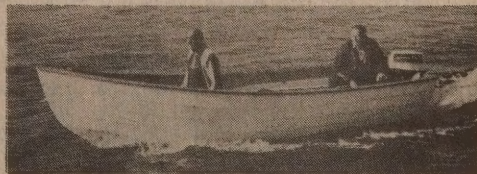
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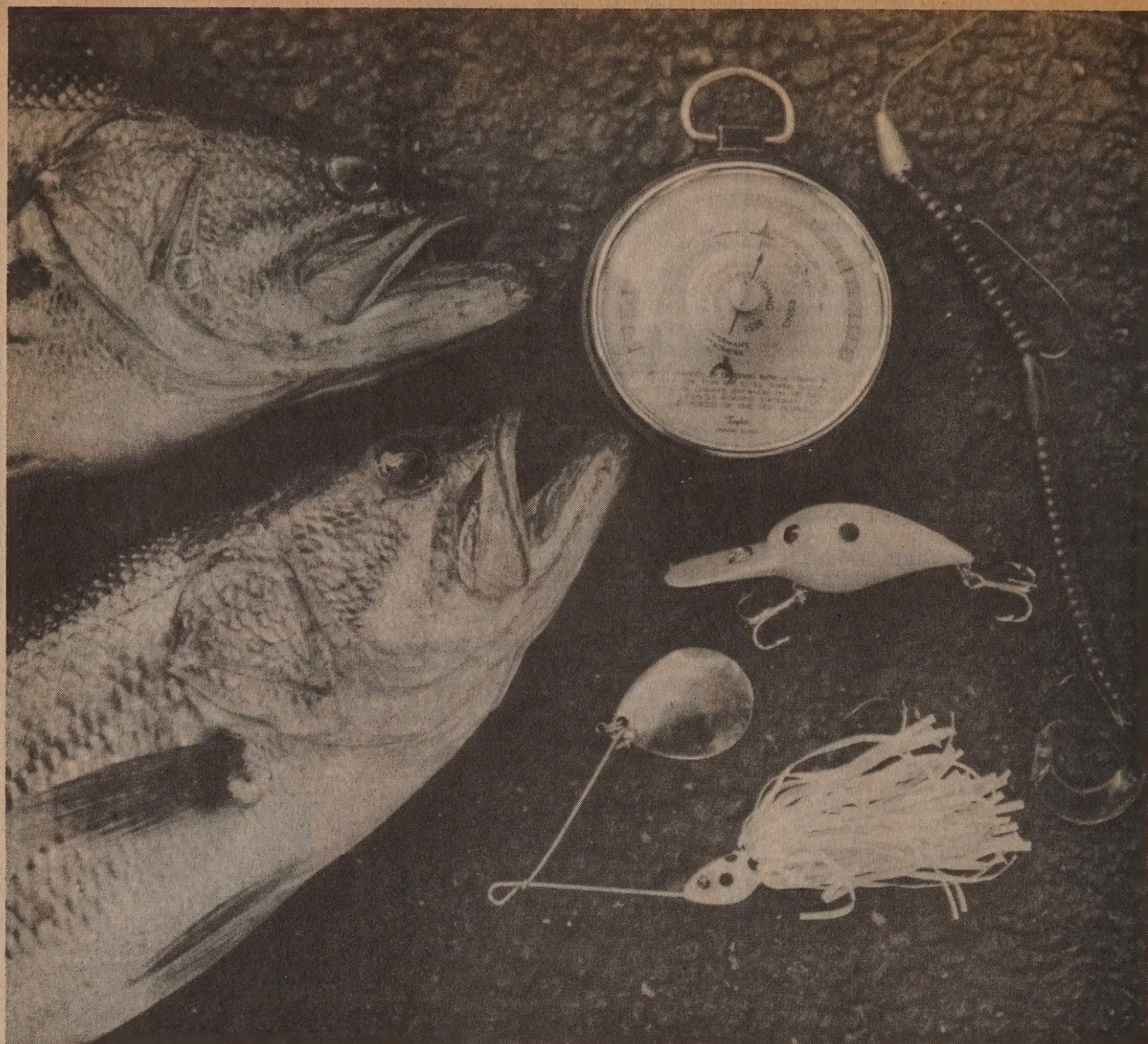
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BASSIN' BY BAROMETER

by Dick Mermon

Modern largemouth bass anglers never seem to have enough gadgets to use in their search for fish, yet, in the "good old days," such sophisticated equipment was unheard of. Fishermen back then relied on mental knowledge stored from experience about a particular lake, or river. At such times they would pinpoint bass locations and other pertinent information associated with weather conditions and the time of day. Those anglers of yesteryear did not have depth recorders to etch out bottom contours or pH meters to determine

water conditions, or color selectors to pick out what hue should be hot today. Those old-timers relied on common sense, experience, a thermometer and a barometer. Ask any of those golden-aged bass anglers about a barometer and they could tell you exactly where bass are located at a particular barometric pressure reading.

Atmospheric pressure, which a barometer measures, has some type of an effect on all of earth's living creatures, including those within the ocean, sea, lakes, rivers and ponds.

Man is not excluded from this influence such as is demonstrated during certain weather period changes. During high pressure readings, the feeling becomes exuberant and full of spirit. As the barometric pressure changes and readings drop, our feelings and energies often decline. Quite often, these sudden alterations are seen in the activities of household pets, or birds. Fish, in particular, respond to these pressure changes even though their environment is within water rather than the open atmosphere.

A barometer records atmospheric pressure; a downward force caused by weather changes which begins at a "0" reading, or "sea-level." This up and down atmospheric pressure actually coerces largemouth bass to respond with every moment, forcing them to seek comfortable water depths. High pressure causes bass to suspend into deep channels, or holes, feeding occasionally. On the other hand, low pressure usually produces surface insects and hatches along the shoreline, drawing small baitfish close to shore. Bass follow them into the shallows.

Anglers in the past believed and relied heavily on a barometer because there were no other instruments, and established pressure listings in comparison to bass depth locations at that reading. These reading levels are as follows:

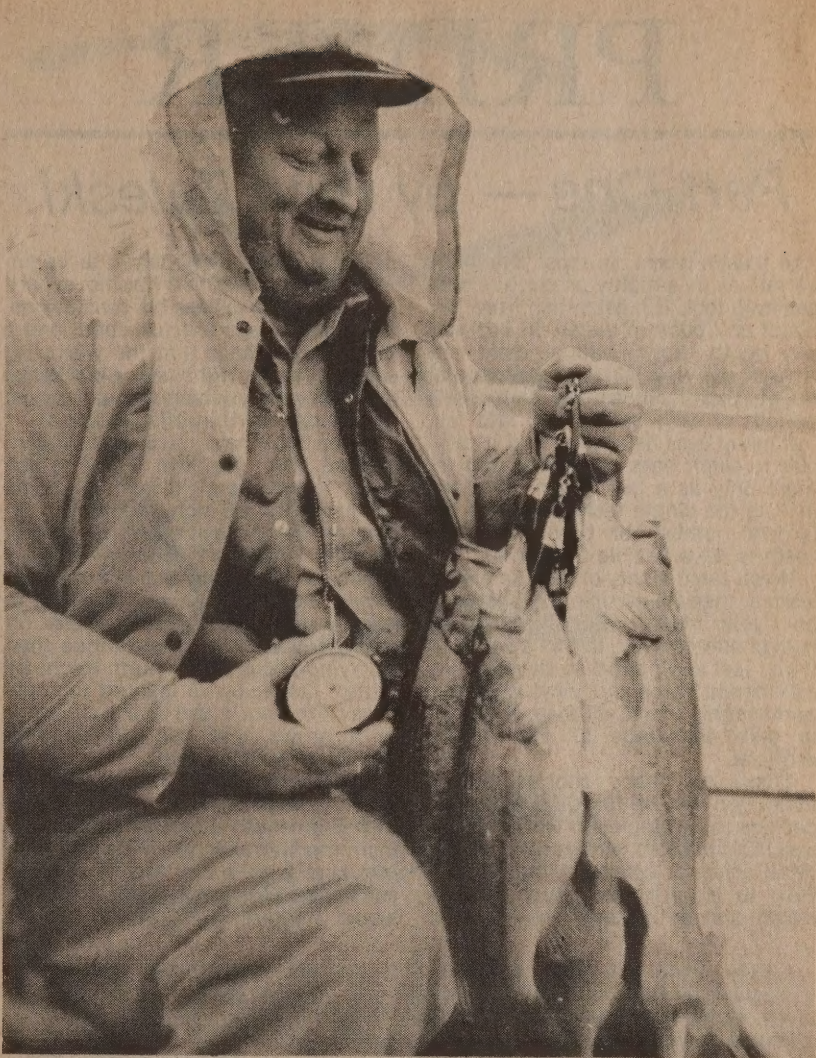
30.40 and higher finds largemouths completely dormant in activity, or what I call "sound asleep," whereby, nothing short of dynamite will get them to move. Such high pressure is often found during cold winter months and/or is associated with a passing cold front.

30.30: Bass are still holed up in deep areas, gullies, or river channels. However, these fish will respond to a spoon-lure, jigged near bottom, or a small leadhead jig donned with a short Twister Tail. The plastic tail must be short because bass are sluggish at this time and strike short.

30.20: This reading places bass at the 12 to 20 foot depths and they become more active. Lures like a jig 'n pig or plastic worm, worked slowly on the bottom will entice bass into striking. Even though the barometer reading is high and the fish are in deep water, they are still not in an over-energetic mood, requiring the retrieve to be at a snail-like pace.

30.10: This reading zeros in on bass foraging in the 6 to 12 foot depths. Here, almost any type of lure can be employed, such as spinnerbaits, jigs, worms, and crankbaits, because this reading occurs most often in the spring of the year and bass are hungry. The level also returns during the autumn period in October.

29.90 to 30.09: Bass are in the shallows along the shoreline. This is one of the prime barometric levels in the summer and fall. The temptation here is to abandon the pressure reading and rely on water temperature, which would be high. Even though the lake's temperature is up in degrees, and the indication is to fish deep, remain with the barometric pressure and fish the shallows. I made that mistake only once and it cost me a tournament. The barometric reading was 29.93 and steady, which called for shallow water activity. Instead, I chose to fish deep and caught only one bass, whereas the winning fish all were taken from shoreline debris and weeds that were in 1 to 3 feet of water. I was told the spinner-bait had to be tossed onto the land, then dragged into the water where it



Earl Glasshagle made prudent use of a barometer as evidenced by these fine largemouths.

was instantly set upon by a bass.

29.70 to 29.80: A reading such as this indicates strong winds to prevail during the period until the front passes and the barometer begins to rise. At this level, anglers should fish the windward shore where the bait is pushed into the shallows and wave action churns up aquatic life for the bass to forage upon.

29.50 and below denotes storms will occur and they could be quite severe. During the advance of a storm and dropping of the barometric pressure, largemouths usually become extremely aggressive for a short period and strike most any artificial presented. Once the storm sets in, activity ceases and the barometer begins to rise again. When the level falls below 29.50, fishing comes to a standstill for several days until things clear.

Barometers are manufactured and

calibrated in two levels: sea-level, from 0 to 3500 feet, and the other from 3500 feet up. A barometer is always set to either sea-level, or the altitude above sea level where the fishing is being done.

These barometric readings were passed on to me by an old bass fishing friend, Earl Glasshagle, and I have found them to be remarkably accurate.

Barometric pressure levels are also applied to local shallow lakes and ponds by narrowing down the depths, in comparison to deeper bodies of water. Although the barometer is the oldest tool in the game, most bass anglers seem to shy away from it, relying more on contemporary instruments. Those who take a barometer's factual data and learn to apply the information to the lakes they fish, will be surprised at the productivity of this bygone tool.

WORMIN' PRIMER

Part One — by Rich Zaleski

The plastic worm, in most any of its variations, is a highly productive bass catching tool. It'll catch fish from just about any body of water, in virtually any depth range, and at most any time of the year. Contrary to popular belief, that includes the cold water periods of early spring and late fall. Yet many bass fishermen find it difficult to catch bass on worms and try them only as a last resort. "Worm-in'" is the single technique that the largest number of bass fishermen seem to have trouble mastering.

If you catch plenty of bass on plastic worms, then this article isn't likely to hold your interest. But if you're unsure of how or when to fish a worm, or if you just can't seem to develop any confidence in the soft vinyl wigglers, perhaps this article will help you learn to take advantage of this deadly artificial.

There are many choices that a fisherman may be faced with once he decides to try a plastic worm in any specific situation: what length worm? What color (or colors)? What shape? How to rig it? How much, if any, weight should be used? The list could

go on and on. Obviously, the beginning worm fisherman has no experience on which to base his conclusions. This likely leads to frustration, and a lack of confidence that the worm rig selected is the right one. Let's make this really simply by eliminating most of the options right off.

If you don't have much faith or confidence that you will know which worm to use then, I'll loan you some of mine! Pick a 6 inch, medium thickness, grape or black worm. It may not be the "rightest" choice for any particular situation, but it's rarely a wrong choice! When you're trying to learn wormin', you're a lot better off if you concentrate on technique than worrying about which worm might be better. Once you've learned to catch bass on the worm and your confidence in it grows, you can start adding options to your arsenal.

Eventually, you'll find a use for worms ranging from 4 to 9 or 10 inches in length. For now though, a 6 inch, medium bulk worm will do fine. Pick one with a flat tail or a small curly tail. Typical of these worms would be the Mr. Twister "Super

Scamp" (flat tail) or "Phenom" (curly tail) in the 6 inch length. Almost any tackle shop that sells freshwater gear will have worms similar to one of these styles. The exact brand doesn't matter. Worms that consist of a head section and a long rippling tail will catch fish too, but for basic worming, I'd recommend that you stick with a more conventional style, at least till you get the hang of it.

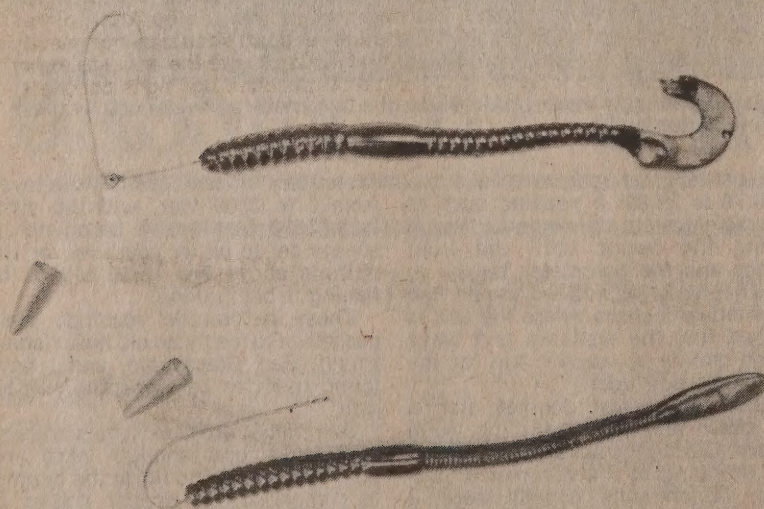
Rigging is a matter of how you're going to fish the worm and the type and density of the cover you'll be working the worm through. The "Texas Rig" is probably the most difficult worm rig for beginners to master. But it has the advantage of being the rig that will get you in the least amount of trouble. You can throw a Texas rigged worm most anywhere and get it back, which is not the case with open hook jig heads and other rigging styles.

The Texas Rig is a "jack of all trades." You can throw it anywhere and catch fish on it. A power head jig is better when fishing an outside weed line; a Carolina rig can be better on very deep fish, etc., but the Texas Rig will almost always work to some extent. Even more important, if you learn to fish a Texas rigged worm, you'll have no trouble adapting to the other styles when faced with situations in which they'll provide obvious advantages.

For Texas Rigging that 6 inch worm, a 2/0 worm hook is about right. For ease of rigging, I much prefer Mr. Twister's "Keeper Hook" variation of the standard Sproat hook that is most commonly used for Texas rigging. In recent years, the True-Turn hook with an offset in the shank that is designed to rotate the hook as you set it has gained considerable popularity and its advocates claim much easier and more reliable hook setting. I've personally found the Keeper concept more convenient and just as sure hooking, but I'll leave that choice up to you.

Next, you'll need some slip sinkers. These cone or bullet-shaped weights are available in sizes from 1/32 to 1 ounce. I'll let you in on a secret. For the first 5 years that I fished Texas rigged worms, I used nothing but 3/16 oz., and still use that size about 80 percent of the time!

A stiff, sensitive rod is a **must** for worm fishing. I strongly recommend a graphite rod. My preference is for casting tackle when Texas rigging, but many excellent worm fishermen use spinning tackle, especially now that light yet stiff, spinning rods are becoming more commonplace. A 5½ to 6 foot casting rod or 6 foot spinning rod that's rated for 10 to 17 pound test line and 3/8 to 3/4 ounce lures is about right. Equip it with a suitable reel and fill it with high quality line. The bare minimum line test for fishing a Texas rigged worm is 10 pound test line—there may be times when 17 or 20 will be more practical for getting fish out of heavy cover, but thicker line decreases your sense of



The slip sinker goes on the line pointed end first and the hook is then tied on. With the standard hook, insert the point of the hook into the middle of the extreme front end of the worm. With the keeper hook variation, the "keeper" wire enters the worm at that point instead.

feel, and I suggest that you rig for maximum efficiency in normally encountered conditions, rather than concerning yourself with the exceptions.

Oh yes, the drag. The "experts" who write all the instructions on setting your reel's drag must not be worm fishermen. A drag that slips at half the break strength of the line under a steady pressure may help ensure that a hooked fish won't break you off, but it's a moot point in wormin', because you'll hook very few fish on a Texas rig with a light drag setting. You'll see why when we get to hook setting. I recommend that you set your drag to grudgingly give up just a slight bit of line when you perform a sharp, hard, hook setting motion with the line attached to a solid object 20 to 30 feet away from you.

The accompanying photographic illustrations show the proper method for Texas rigging a plastic worm. Here's a few hints to help you rig the worm properly, between this and the illustrations, you should, with practice, become adept at properly rigging the worm.

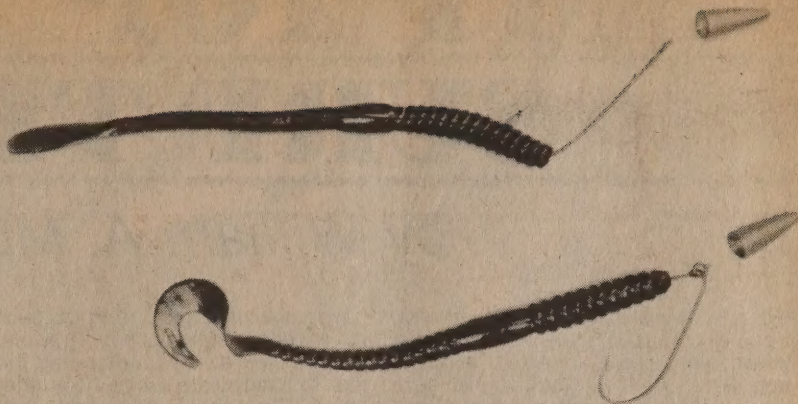
- Always remember that line twist is the worm fisherman's worst enemy. It interferes with your sense of feel. The worm **MUST** be rigged straight to prevent it from contributing to a line twist problem. Practice until you can easily judge the point at which the hook point must re-enter the worm body to create a lure that hangs straight. A worm that's not rigged straight is also much more snag prone.

- When using a standard Sproat or a True-Turn type hook, the eye of the hook should be no more than 3/16 of an inch or so back into the worm head. Just enough plastic ahead of the eye to cover the knot is preferable. Otherwise the sinker pushes the head of the worm back, making what may have started out as a straight rig, curl.

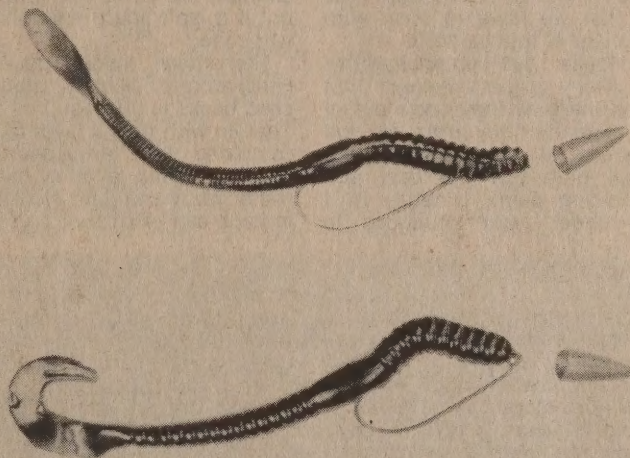
- when the head of the worm "wears out" and won't hold tightly to the hook any longer, simply bite off a half inch of the head and re-use the worm.

- When inserting the hook point back into the worm, be sure that the point and barb are both securely concealed within the worm's body. Don't worry about being able to set the hook through the plastic. All the words that have been written about ensuring a good hook set by letting the hook point almost protrude out of the side of the worm, etc., are much ado about nothing. All such techniques make the rig less snag resistant, and when proper hook setting is learned in the next installment, you'll never have to worry about this again!

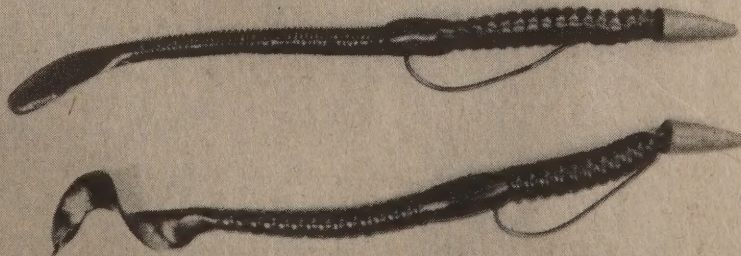
Next week we'll look at actually fishing the Texas rig: how to know when and where to use it; how to fish it in a manner that will elicit a positive response from a bass; how to recognize when a bass has hit the worm; how to react when a bass takes the worm. See you then.



SPROAT: Slide the worm onto the hook 3/8 inches or so, and bring the point out the side of the worm. **KEEPER HOOK:** simply slide the keeper wire straight into the worm head.



SPROAT: pull the hook through until its eye is inside the worm plastic about 1/8 inch, then rotate it 180 degrees, so that the hook is pointed back at the worm. **KEEPER HOOK:** the keeper shaft should be completely buried in the worm. **BOTH:** estimate how far back into the worm to insert the point of the hook so that it'll hang straight when rigging is complete, and insert the point.



Slide the hook point into the worm until both the point and barb are completely embedded, and the worm hangs straight. The slip sinker should rest against the head of the worm with the standard Texas Rig, and against the knot with the Keeper Hook variation.

MY TOP TEN SURF TIPS

by William A. Muller

What follows are my personal ten best tips to help put more fish on the beach; yet I recall we asked about a half dozen of the Island's best surf rats for their ten tips some years ago, and although there was some overlap, there were really six different lists. There are at least a few hundred basic tips, and probably a few thousand, yet we've got to start somewhere. The point is to remind ourselves from time to time that we have to stick with fundamentals in this game.

Sharp Hooks: I can't emphasize this enough. Many anglers believe that hooks are sharp as they come out of the box. Actually, they are quite dull out of the box. Although a sharpening stone will give you the best and longest lasting point, it really isn't practical under most situations to

have a sharpening stone on the beach. An excellent substitute is a jeweler's file, which is a very fine-toothed file. I like to triangulate while hook sharpening. That is, I stroke the point, towards the point, first on one side, then the other and finally the surface that faces away from the shank. I test for sharpness by touching the point to a fingernail. If the hook is sharp enough, the point will grab the nail; but if it isn't sharp enough the point will slide.

Remember, hooks get dull just lying around. Usually, dulling of unused hooks is the result of oxidation. That is, with time a layer of the metal combined with atmospheric oxygen develops. This layer is not smooth, rather fuzzy and dull. Hooks on plugs in bags can oxidize or corrode under

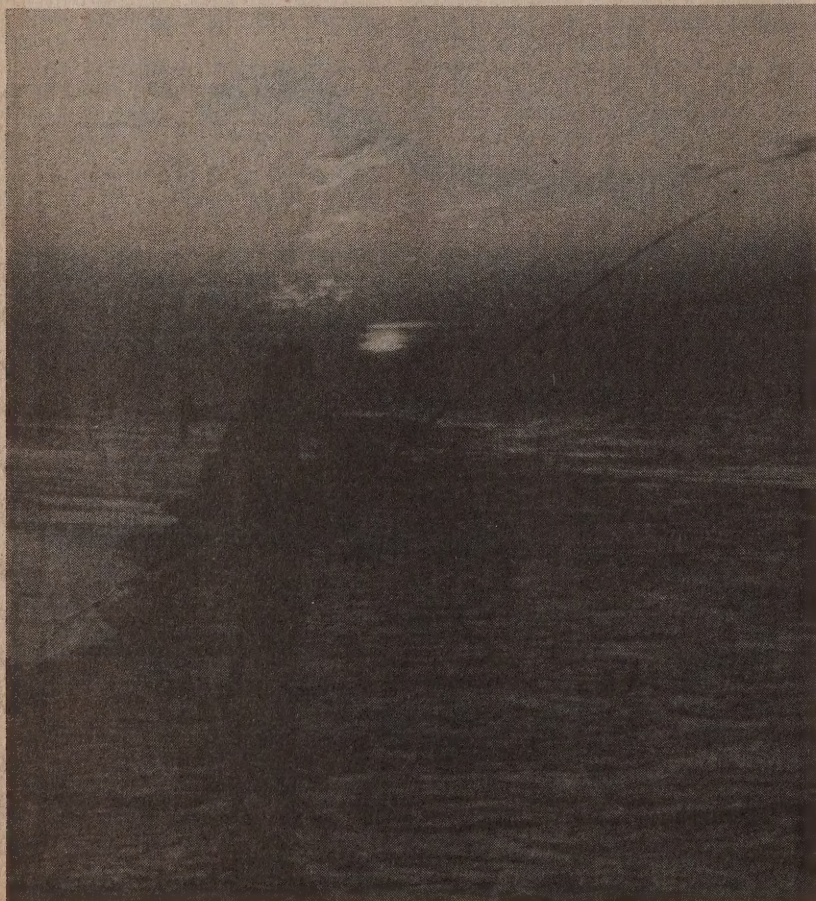
the influence of sea water. Sharpen hooks in your plug bag before each trip; just to be sure. Carry the file with you and touch up a hook that has already taken a fish or two.

Fresh Line: I can't tell you how many times I've watched fishermen break off fish and plugs because the line they are using is old. When I'm fishing heavily I change the line weekly. If the line is exposed to sunlight regularly, I change it. Under no circumstances, in this angler's opinion, should the same line be used from one season to the next. Use a quality line too!

Tight Drag: Here's a tip that some folks will take exception to more often than the others. I not only fish a tight drag so as to be able to land a fish quickly and thus have a better chance to release it, but also because I have found that loose drags encourage the loss of more fish. Sure, here and there is a lip hooked fish that will pull free under a tight drag, yet I believe it is far more common to lose fish because of a loose drag. With a loose drag there is less bend in the rod, less stretch in the line, and thus less shock absorbing function to your tackle. I believe it is easier for a fish to get slack when there is less bend and stretch to compensate for a sudden movement of the fish. I suggest you set your drag with a scale. About 1/3 to 1/2 the pound test of the line is a good drag setting. Therefore, I suggest 6 to 9 pounds of pull for 20 pound test line, about 5 pounds pull for 15 pound test line and perhaps 3 or 4 pounds of pull for 10 pound test line.

Clean Drag: Drags get dirty when you fish. Dust accumulates on grease and oil, dirt gets wedged into corners and crevices even for drags that do not require some lubricant. Still, I've found the biggest problem to be salt. Saltwater gets into your reel while fishing, including into the drag mechanism. Salt crystals form when the water evaporates either via time or heat generated by a running fish. Salt crystals can bind a drag by increasing the friction between surfaces. Thus, it is wise to take a drag system apart, clean and re-assemble often.

Good Knots: Diagrams on how to tie knots are available from many, many sources, including the pages of *The Fisherman*. It takes some practice to tie a great knot consistently. Poorly set knots should be discarded. Never



Some of the most productive surf action occurs between sunset and sunrise.

settle for an okay knot. If it doesn't measure up to a diagram or a description, tie another. Modern lines and knots make it possible to maintain over 95 percent of the line strength. However, all that goes out the window if the loops of a knot overlap others, or the knot isn't snubbed properly.

Fish Conditions: I've heard many a surf fisherman complain about not catching fish, only to hear later that they fish a favorite spot by convenience instead of season, tide, moon phase, wind, etc. Fish prime time under prime conditions to catch fish consistently even if the prime time is 2AM. Knowing what prime time is comes from experience, reading, tips and observation.

Logs: Experience is most useful when it is written down for future reference. Don't rely on memory. Memory is a strange thing: it deserts you when you need it most and it can fool you into certainty that what you remember is accurate. With time, it clouds, makes wrong associations and shifts. Keep a log and keep your memory in a safe place—the log!

Work Hard at What Yo've Got: When you find fish, stick with them. Work them hard. That is, follow the tide night after night until the fish leave or conditions change. Make the most of each run of fish, because you can't be certain when you'll find the next one. Many surf fishermen work a couple of night tides, seemingly get their fill and quit. Complaints about



Quality tackle will help you put more fish on the beach.

others with more fish suggest they didn't get their fill.

More Night Tides: This is an especially good tip for the summer months, but it is also a sound general suggestion. Big fish are less shy about shallow water at night and they also don't need the cover of a good surf at night either.

Use Quality Tackle: Bargain brand rods, reels and tackle just don't cut the mustard. They may be okay catching bluegills and sunfish in

freshwater, but saltwater is demanding of tackle and so, too, are saltwater game fish. Your initial investment for quality tackle may be greater, but you may avoid a premature reinvestment. If you need advice about tackle, consult your local tackle dealer.

The above ten tips aren't a panacea for all unsuccessful beach fishermen, but they should improve the percentages for any of us, and that's what the game is all about!



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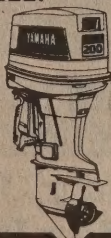
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GETTING DOWN TO FLUKE BASICS

by Matt Ahern

In bygone days, fluke were plentiful—extremely so. I have on hand an old fishing book pertaining to the fish of the New York Bight and surrounding areas. This apparently was written about 1900, or thereabouts. It has been in my possession for over 50 years. It has this to say about fluke: "No fish comes into our bays and shores with such regularity and in such great numbers as does the fluke." Now when one figures in the amount of other fish that were available at the time—flounder, sea bass, porgies, cod and so on—fluke fishing simply had to be fantastic. And while I can't claim to being on hand in those early days, I did begin my fluke fishing during the late 1920s.

Most of this fishing was done from party boats and, of course, being a party boat fanatic, this is the way I fished for our flat friend. I did do some rowboat fishing for fluke in Jamaica Bay in that area where the Marine Parkway Bridge now spans the bay, and at a time when the thought of such a bridge was but a mere gleam in the eye of an unknown master builder.

Fishing was simple, too. The fisherman cast his 8 ounce bank sinker and killie-baited three foot leader as far as the old wooden side-winder allowed, jigged the bait a few times; immediately a fluke would take hold.

On party boats, this went on hour after hour and butter tubs and barrels would fill with good size fluke. (Not everyday, of course, for we did have slow fishing, too.) It was unusual to catch fluke under one pound—most averaged 1½ to 2 lbs. I can recall difficulty finding "small" fluke to slice for bait, and many a 2 lber. was used for this purpose.

So, now we come to today.

Let's not kid ourselves. There aren't many doormats left for us guys today. Oh, sure, every summer, especially in late August, these out-sized fluke make themselves known. But I'll tell you the truth, fellers, I haven't caught a real, genuine, sock-dogger of a doormat in a good, long time. By "genuine" doormat, I mean a fluke 10 pounds and over. I've caught my share of 5 and 6 pounders in the past 10 years or so, but no monsters. However, in every fluke

fisherman's breast, hope springs eternal. It's what keeps us going during the doldrums of poor fishing, for we believe the next one can be a genuine doormat. Why, it might even top the record 26 pounder (caught commercially many years ago). Who knows? Maybe that last "fluke" you hooked wasn't bottom all.

Let's take a look at what makes a fluke tick before we go further into this article.

Fluke are migratory. In summer they range from the Carolinas to Maine, with the largest concentrations being off Long Island and New Jersey. It is here that thousands of local fishermen spend many summer days enticing fluke to the baited hook. This fishing lasts all summer and, if we're lucky, into early autumn.

As winter approaches, fluke leave for the deeper, warmer waters of the Continental Shelf, taking up house-keeping from Long Island to Virginia. It is here that they spawn during January, February and March. It is also the reason no fluke with spawn are taken by local fishermen during summer.

The arrival of late winter causes the cold surface waters of the Shelf to sink. This sudden chill signals the fluke and other summer fish to begin their annual trek to warmer inshore waters. By late May, many fluke have already entered the local bays and creeks (some even arrive in late March and it is at this time one reads about a fish or two being taken by off-shore commercial fishermen).

It is during late May and early June that local fishermen get their chance at fluke by fishing the canals and creeks having at least 15 feet of water at low tide. When these waters become too warm for comfort, sometime during late June, fluke slowly fan out into the bays where they mix with later arrivals.

By July, fluke are found throughout bays, deep-water creeks, along channel edges and sand bars. When September arrives, fluke are often caught in the open ocean around sunken wrecks. These are usually larger than normal fish, and heavier tackle is required. I once knew a group of fishermen who only fished fluke at this time of year. If fluke under 5 pounds were caught, they were released. You can

bet I tried desperately to join this group, but it was no go. A clannish lot, indeed.

Beginning fluke fishermen sometimes have difficulty distinguishing between fluke and flounder—biologically, they are both flounder, as is the halibut and the various soles. But we won't split hairs, nor go into the finer details of "how come?" just now.

This difficulty in recognition is particularly noticeable at the beginning of the season when small fluke arrive and mix with the larger flounder leaving the bays.

Actually, there is a vast difference between the two, but the most noticeable is the mouth. The flounder's mouth is small, soft, and toothless; that of the fluke being well-developed, large and armed with sharp teeth. (Flounder do have teeth, but they are not easily seen, being deep inside the mouth.) There are other means of recognition, such as right-handedness in flounder and left-handedness in fluke; some day when space is not at such a premium I will go into this very interesting information. But for now, beginning fishermen should be aware of the mouth differences. This will keep them out of trouble should law enforcement officers give their catch a check-over. Ignorance is no excuse.

As with all bottom fishing, no elaborate rigging is required. You can get by with 3/0 to 5/0 Carlisle or Sproat hooks. My preference is for the Sproat simply because it is lighter and when used with live bait imparts more action—which gives you the edge. The hook should be placed on a three foot leader of 20 pound test. When tied two inches above a bank sinker of suitable weight, this rig will take any size fluke you encounter—including doormats.

A medium weight spinning rod and matching reel filled with 150 yards of 10 to 15 pound test good quality mono will do for bay fishing. In moderately deep ocean waters, and around inlets and beach fronts, a medium weight boat rod and a suitable conventional reel filled with 20 pound mono is the better choice.

There is one thing just as necessary as bait when fluke fishing: a net. Always bring one along and don't hesitate to put it to use on every fish.

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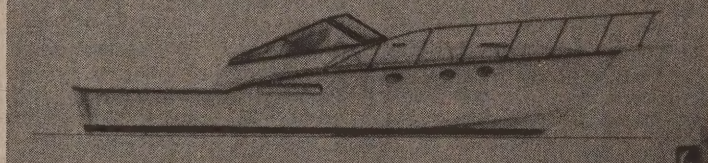
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Equipped by nature to be hunters, fluke go anywhere in search of food. And this being so, a moving bait will be more readily seized than one lying still on bottom. Fluke lie in bands along choice feeding areas, their bodies buried and heads exposed as they wait for some bit of luckless prey to swim by. And because this is so, it is important to drift. The successful fluke fisherman goes to the fish whenever possible.

As the boat drifts through areas containing fluke, it will pass over bands of fish and several will be caught. This will be followed by a lull, then a few more fish caught, etc. It is smart to toss a small buoy overboard when the first fish is hooked and then return to it when the drift is finished. When you do this, you will find your next few fish in the general locality. This method works extremely well along ocean fronts, and in deep, wide inlets such as Rockaway, Debs, and Fire Island when conditions allow. Scientists of the U.S. Bureau of Fisheries believe more fluke congregate off these inlets than anywhere in Long Island waters.

There are days when weather conditions will make drifting impossible. Should this happen, you have two choices. You can troll, or you can anchor-up and still fish. The best of these two methods is trolling. It is great sport. Here is where a strip of squid will pay off. Fluke will also strike artificial lures such as white bucktails. Many large fluke are taken when trolling for game fish such as blues and stripers. It seems fluke can't resist anything resembling food.

The secret of successful trolling for fluke is to cut your speed enough to enable the bait or lure to travel a foot above bottom. (Years ago as youngsters, we used to row along the shady sides of marshes on sunny days, and throughout the whole area on cloudy days. It was back-breaking work, but we landed some mighty big fluke: my buddy Jimmy Anderson nailed an 11 pounder.)

When fishing from an anchored boat, the best method is to cast around the area and then jig the bait off bottom while reeling in. Use plenty of action, give the bait a life of its own—this is the secret to successful fluke fishing at anchor. If you don't pick up a fluke after a reasonable time, select another spot. Once you get your first fish, there will be more from the same area.

Another method while anchored is to use a weighted chum pot filled with ground mossbunker. Fish close to it for best results. Some fishermen, as they busy themselves casting about the boat, place a live killie-rigged line close to the pot. This method seems to work best on cloudy days. Don't ask me why—I don't know. If the wind is

from the east and the barometer is low, it produces even better. Again—I don't know why, except that it is so.

The best bait for fluke fishing from an anchored boat is a lively two inch killie. Hook this through the mouth and out the gill cover. (This is where the use of light Sproat hook will produce better than a heavier Carlisle.) The second producer of fluke in my book is a two inch strip of sea robin tail. Give this one plenty of action. When the weight of a fish is felt, allow a few seconds munching time.

All fish bait should be cut into triangular shape, which imitates the streamlined appearance of a fish. Hook only once through the widest part and allow the rest to trail in the current. Don't scale. The more lifelike and natural your bait, the better your chance of taking fish.

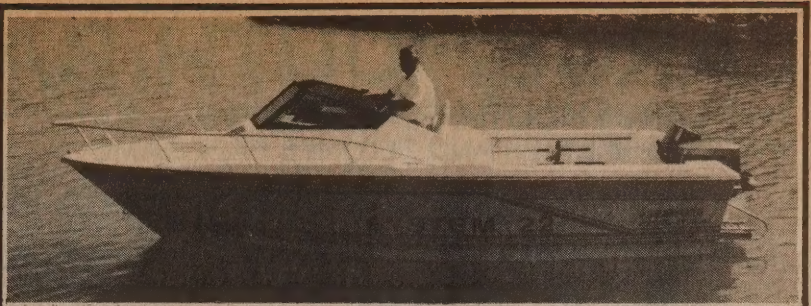
As noted, the best bait is a lively killie. This can be used in combination with another bait, but unless I'm drifting the ocean fronts, I prefer to use it alone. And while on the subject of combination baits, or light-colored baits such as squid, be sure not to use these over known mud bottom. When baits such as this become festooned with weed and perhaps streaked with mud, fluke absolutely will not accept them. Stick to live killies in such areas. Incidentally, if you wish to lighten your killies when fishing mud bottom, place them in a white plastic bucket, agitate the water from time to time, and they will take on a light shade. Killies have a great ability to change their coloration to suit the surroundings (and so do fluke).

Fluke will take a variety of natural baits, but sea worms, clams and mussels are not choice baits and shouldn't be depended upon to produce. Stick with the preferred baits and you'll catch fluke.

What I particularly like about fluke is that they are a great fish for the experimenting sinker bouncer. Many years ago, when Jimmy Anderson and I were content to catch those two pounders then so prevalent in Jamaica Bay, I knew of several fishermen who used nothing but six inch strips of beef liver on a specially designed homemade rig. They fished a deep hole near the Roxbury shore and seldom caught fluke under 5 pounds; most were 10 and over.

Many fishermen are not aware that fluke bite well at night. There is, however, one requirement. You must find suitable locations that offer well-lighted areas. Some years ago, I used to do nighttime fluke fishing around the Shinnecock Canal locks. One of my largest fluke ever came from there: an 11 pounder. If this tempts you, remember to use the whitest bait possible, squid will do, and to retrieve it slowly—ever so slowly, just barely moving it across bottom. Refrain from jiggling at night.

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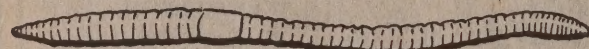
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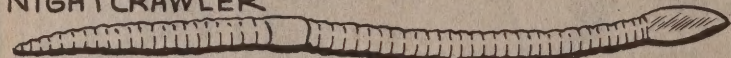
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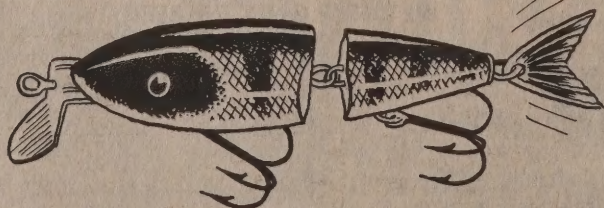


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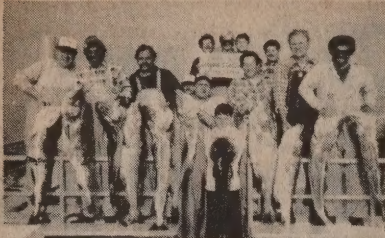
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East End REPORT

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Blues, bass, blackfish, cod, flounder and blue sharks all helped make the news at the Point this week as record-setting temperatures drove hordes of anglers to fish-East End waters and escape the heat.

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Tom, at the Montauk Marine Basin claimed that a trolled green machine was favored by a 60 pound tuna which was caught on the marina based boat "Eddie's Mink" on a Saturday night canyon trip. A couple of blue sharks were hooked as well. Three blue sharks were reported on the charter boat Mary A at 40 fathoms. Anglers on the "Katie M" located good sized flatties at Fort Pond Bay.

At Tuma's Dock and Tackle, Capt. Rob Aaronson spoke of plenty of blues at the point. The "Abracadabra" loaded up with blues on half day trips on the weekend. Many small bass were caught and released as well.

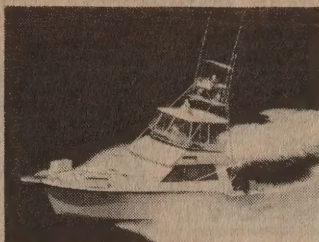
Henry Uihlein claimed that while fishing was a bit picky in the heat wave, Lake Montauk and Fort Pond Bay were choice spots for those seeking flounder. Dave Tooker, a Montauk resident, caught twenty one very large flounder, some over three pounds in Fort Pond Bay and weighed them at Uihlein's Boat Rentals. It was noted



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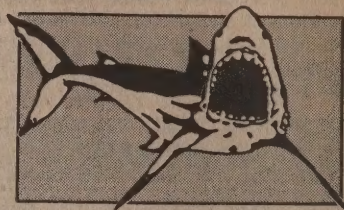
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that the fish were filled to bursting with grass shrimp.

Dr. Tom Ganetis and his wife Susan found plenty of blackfish with some ling and flounder, fishing on the *Pron-to* with East End reporter Lorry Mangano and Capt. Ed Sakowicz, Paul Lahullier and Mike Bentivegna, Jr. Fine weather was a bonus to the large catch, since this trip, a prize on Lorry's TV show last fall had been postponed several times due to weather conditions. Blackfish jumped on both clams and crabs. Dr. Tom Ganetis had the touch for ling, while Susan proved herself to be a quick learner, acquiring the knack for blackfish in short order upon Capt. Mike's instructions. Final count on blackfish was 62.

Joan Smith reported the first bass of the season at *Captain's Cove Marina*, "a long, skinny fish" which weighed 13 pounds. It was caught on the *Mistress Too* along with blues and cod on the weekend. Cod, some to 30 pounds, were brought in on the charter boat *Windy*, with Capt. Jack Passie. On Saturday the marina based boat "Sea Lark" fished Cox's Ledge, returning with 22 cod. Highlighting the trip was the 19½ pounder pulled in by Donna Clark, which was immediately followed by a 19 pounder caught by Ann Aarunas. Bill Geyer headed the "April Day" to Gardiners Island, locating two dozen large flaties, all in the two to three pound range. Three blue sharks were reported on both the "Nora John" and

the *Mary A*.

At *Star Island Yacht Club*, Chuck Cogswell spoke of blue sharks at 40 fathoms, spotty flounder at Gardiners, but loads of blues in the two to five pound range jumping on trolled tubes or jigs at the Point. A 5½ pound blackfish was caught on the "Rosie Lady"; a 90 pound blue shark on "Anthony's Hide-away" by Phil Braddock.

Charter boats berthed at *Gone Fishing Marina* did well on the weekend. Capt. Bob Storc repored a mixed catch of bottom fishing with Mike Gilly and Garry Lobato on Friday on the *Caprice*. The group caught snowshoe flounder to 3 pounds, some sea bass including one of 4 pounds, and blackfish, the largest 6 pounds. Capt. Storc claimed that heavy chumming and



Nick Pagnanella was surprised by this doormat fluke while drifting a Jelly Worm for weakfish at Jessup's Neck. Taken on May 23rd, the huge flatfish weighed in at 12.11 lbs.

many moves were necessary.

Capt. Paul Giangreco took his charter group to Cox's Ledge, where 30 codfish, top weight 18 pounds, were caught on the **Fisherman II**.

Some anglers at **Gone Fishing Marina** feel that the flounder season is starting since on Sunday 35 flatties, all 2 to 3 pounds, were caught on the "Babs". Areas fished for flounder by marina customers included Tobacco Bay, Rocky Point and Montauk Point. On Saturday, the crew of the "Contagious" joined the group on the "Compormise" where they combined for 60 codfish near Cox's Ledge. Largest cod weighed in at 38 pounds, although the average was in the 10 to 15 pound range. TJ reported that blue-fishing remains good, and bottom fishing staeady. While most anglers are fishing on the south side, Bill Podmere heads his craft the other way; one fishing trip accounted for 95 blackfish which averaged 3 to 5 pounds, the largest a bulldog of 10 pounds, along with 15 flounder.

Andrew Taylor tried fishing off the stern, while his dad hosed down the family boat after a day's fishing. A major commotion ensued when young Andrew found a 3' eel had jumped on his bait. Ironically, this was the only fish caught that day!

Capt. Steven Forsberg reports a good steady pick of cod on the **Viking Star's** weekend trips to Cox's Ledge with pool fish usually over 25 pounds.

John Girolamo won the pool again on last Monday's George's Banks trip, this time with a 37 pound cod. Sam Beauchamp had the second place fish with his 35 pound cod. Girolamo, a senior citizen residing in Port Jefferson Station, noted that the weather was great and fishing excellent. Some catches reported by John were Anthony Fernandez with 97 cod; James

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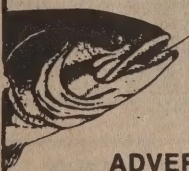
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Capt. Michael Potts reported a great catch made on last Monday's holiday charter on the **Bluefin II**, when 49 cod were caught fishing at the CIA. Potts reported that 2 cod weighed over 35 pounds, 4 over 20. On Thursday, Mr. McNulty and his friends trolled umbrella rigs and bucktails under the Light for 70 bluefish. A couple of small stripers were released. Saturday's trip with the **Cossas** located 41 codfish, with some in the 15 to 20 pound range, topping off the catch with blues. Sunday's charter with Mr. Latinski fished the CIA with light tackle, landed 30 codfish. A drop was made on the way home and blackfish, flounder and over a dozen sea bass were added to the fish box. While most of the sea bass averaged about 2 pounds, two weighed 3½ and 4½ pounds.

Capt. Jim Flowers headed the **Mary A** to the 40 fathom line for his first shark charter of the season, where 3

blue sharks, the largest about 100 pounds, were hooked up for Frank Pinco and his friends. Capt. Flowers reported lots of bird life in the chum slick. Water temperature was reported at 55 degrees. It was noted that one small blue shark had been hooked apparently a short time ago, since it had a blackfish hook and short leader hanging out of its mouth. That had to be one surprised blackfisherman!

Anglers on the **Alyssa Ann** enjoyed good bottom fishing on the weekend with Capt. Bill Ricca. Saturday's trip located 42 blackfish, the largest 7 pounds, along with ling and sea bass, with Bill Murphy, his dad and friends; on Sunday, Matt Reed of Northport caught 20 blackfish, then switched to flounder plucking 2 dozen large flatties from the local Montauk waters.

Friday was the best day on the **Kraken III**, according to Capt. Steve Mauss. His charter group returned to the marina with 67 blackfish, top weight 8 pounds. On Saturday, Mr. Graham and his group caught 40 blacks, the largest 7 pounds. Capt. Steve has a few dates available for charter trips. Call him for details.

Capt. Phil Lewis of the charter boat **Adios** fished at the 40 fathoms in 54 degree water on Saturday, reporting

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lots of like and plenty of plankton in the water. Brian Benny and his group hooked, fought and released 8 blue sharks on the trip. Bluefish were caught for dinner on the way back. On Sunday, at CIA, 30 codfish, top weight 20 pounds were caught with Jeff Becker and his friends. Capt. Lewis advises us that this weekend's group has cancelled, therefore he has openings for offshore trips June 6 & 7.

Congratulations are in order for Capt. Chuck and Linda Mallinson upon the arrival of their baby girl. Kelly Leigh Mallinson was born on May 19th, weighed a whopping 8 pounds 10 ounces on a certified scale!

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Flounder were on the menu for anglers on the **King Wayne** on Friday and Saturday, with Saturday's group from J. Greeney catching 52 flatties up to 3 pounds in weight fishing Fort Pond Bay. A bonus of 14 blackfish to 6 pounds rounded off the catch. On Sunday, a group trip arranged by Mike Sazzano of Bronxdale Lumber Co. en-

joyed good cod fishing southeast of Block Island. Pool winning fish weighed 20 pounds.

Capt. Betty Forsberg called in the report of the weekend's **Viking Star-ship** Georges Banks trip stating that the pool cod weighing 52 pounds was caught by Bill Taylor of Amityville, second place was taken with a 51 pound cod caught by Ronnie Madonia, a Staten Island resident. Lind Rezac, the "Galley Girl" hooked into a 54 pounder, which of course could not be entered in the pool. Capt. Forsberg returned home early, since everyone had their fill of cod. Ironically, weather was chilly, with temperatures between 45 and 50 degrees due to the cold weathers of the Gulf of Maine.

Edelman's Lou Rosado and Nick Matzkiew tried a spot on Montauk's south side on Friday for a blackfish bonanza. Although over 150 blackfish were caught, only 50 were kept. All egg laden females were released. Largest fish weighed 9 pounds at the dock. Saturday's trip on the "Sea Whim" located a good codfish spot off Block Island, where 23 cod that averaged 8 pounds, with the largest 15 pounds, were caught drifting. Any bergalls accidentally caught were immediately pounced upon by bluefish, according to Rosado.

SOUTH FORK

Capt. Artie Lach noted that night trips on the **Wilhelric II** are consistent, with 5 to 7 weakfish along with 2 to 5 dozen blues caught each night. For some reason, Saturday night's fishing was slow, with only a couple of weakfish caught. One night a 13 pound weakfish was caught on a freshly snagged bunker, which was live lined out for bait. Starting this week, night trips have been cut back, and have been scheduled for Friday and Saturday nights only. Capt. Clark Bellows reports decent fishing with very large flounder at Orient on the weekend trips. While not numerous, all flatties are quite large, the pool winning fish always over 2 pounds. An equal number of blackfish have been put into anglers buckets as well.

Capt. Artie Lach will sail the **Wilhelric II** to the Canyon in late June, for an overnight tuna trip. A few good men are needed to come along. Call Capt. Artie for information and details.

Lots of bluefish are entrenched at South Ferry, Cedar Point, and Mashomack and are willing to take trolled umbrella rigs or diamond jigs equally well, according to George Pharoah at **Bayview Marine and Tackle in Sag Harbor**. Blues range from 3 to 8 pounds. Most skiffs rented this weekend returned with as many as 3 weakfish each, fish in the 5 to 6 pound range which took squid bait. Incidental catches by rental craft included a few porgies and small stripers. Tony Wopat has been fishing off Tobaccot Bay frequently, usually returning with a dozen or so flatties

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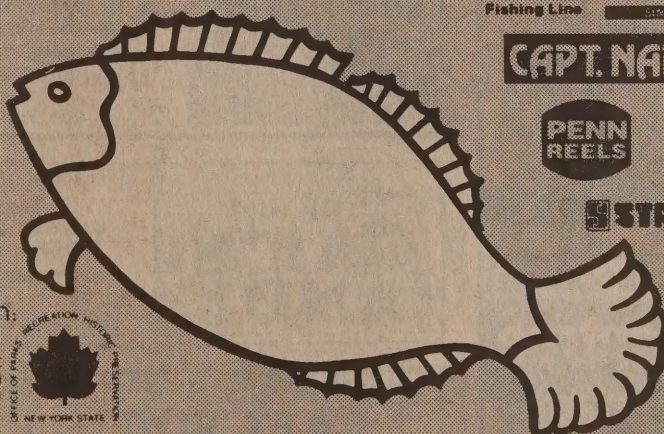
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per trip. This weekend, a 4 pound 2 ounce snowshoe was included in his catch!

Thom Speckenback reported continued good flounder activity both in the Basket and East Channel at Shinnecock, with most fish in the 1½ to 2 pound range. Flukers scored in the East Channel with fish up to 22 inches reported on the weekend to **Speck's Bait and Tackle**. Anglers trying Sebonac Inlet had poor luck with weaks and blues, but reported small stripers.

Larry Laveglia fished on the "Bad Influence", berthed at **Sherry and Joe Cor's Best Boatworks**, returned with a 5½ pound fluke. Bill Hichak, his son and father-in-law drifted the East Channel at Shinnecock on Sunday, catching 15 fluke, largest over 5 pounds. Outgoing tide was best.

Anglers at **Mariner's Cove Marina** tried a variety of fishing on the weekend, scoring with flounder in the Basket, a 5 pound fluke off Robin's Island and an 8 pound weakfish, trolled at slack tide at Jessups.

Ocean wrecks hold a variety of species including ling, sea bass and blackfish according to Capt. Bob on the "Blue Baron".

South Shore REPORT with Fred Golofaro

Flounder still remain very much in the news this week, but action appears to be on the decline in Great South Bay, while the Moriches action should remain strong for several more weeks. Fluke are around in good numbers but lots of shorts characterize the fishing. A fair amount of 3 to 5 lb. fluke have been mixing in, however. Several people we spoke to noted an increase in weakfish activity in Great South Bay. Bluefish are at the inlets and in the bays. No offshore news other than some cod and pollock on north shore wrecks. Quite a few guys set to try sharking this coming weekend, weather permitting.

MORICHES BAY & INLET

From **Silly Lily Fishing Station** in East Moriches, Gary Grunseich said that the flounder fishing remained very good through the week and weekend with lots of flatties being taken in the deep water between buoys 29 and 39 on both tides. Worms and red-dyed clams have been getting the nod in the bait department. Fish ranged from ¾ to 2 lbs. On Sunday, Charlie Nappi, Felix Gray and Sal and

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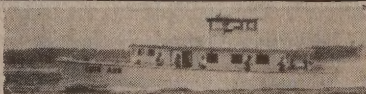
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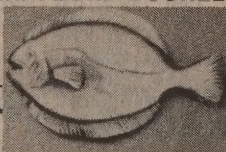
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George Buzzetta returned with well over 100 flounder up to 2½ lbs. Gary noted that there are fluke in the bay, as well as lots of blues to 3 lbs., but most anglers are concentrating on the flatties.

Liz Sepulveda at L&M Marineland remarked that it was a busy weekend and added that the flounder were again very cooperative. She spoke of excellent catches made in the deep water between buoys 27 to 20 with many of the boats returning with between 100 and 150 flounder and some of the fish pushing the 2½ lb. mark.

Captain Russ Hagios of the Center Moriches charter boat **Shaman** continued to do fine job on the flatties. On Friday, Vickie Fedorco and party put away 55 flounder. On Saturday, the Nagel family totaled 60 flounder up to 2.5 lbs. Sunday saw several Lady Reelers and their guests put away 70 flounder up to 2 lbs. Russ has been working buoys 27, south of 36 and the West Cut. He added that he knew of bluefish to 10 lbs. trolled at the C buoy on Sunday.

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From J&J Tackle in Patchogue, Paul Graniello reported looking over a catch of nearly 60 big flounder on Saturday morning for Tom McGuire and his sons Tom Jr. and Doug. The trio fished buoy 36 in Moriches Bay. Also on Saturday, one of the season's more impressive fluke catches was made by Bill and Dave Johnson and Tommy I. The trio worked the Ocean Beach area and put away 12 fluke, all of which ranged between 3 and 6 lbs. Blues in the 3 to 5 lb. class have been camped outside Fire Island Inlet most days and quite a few blues also roaming inside the bay. The docks have been quiet.

Dave Canale at J&R Sports Center in Oakdale reported one of the season's better weakfish catches to date. Unfortunately, the angler's name was misplaced over the course of the weekend. The angler put away 5 weaks up to 11 lb. 12 oz. working near Ocean Beach early Saturday morning. All of the fish were taken on jelly worms. Dave said that many customers reported excellent flounder fishing during the week and weekend with the best scores being made at the Sore Thumb and near the Lighthouse. Plenty of blues in the bay with fish up to 5 and 6 lbs. being reported though most ranged from 2 to 4 lbs.

At Islander Canvas Bait and Tackle in East Islip, John Albanese reported a catch of 14 keeper fluke made in just two hours on the start of the ebb tide by Carmine and Freddy. The pair did their drifting west of the RM bridge. Flounder continue to provide good action in the Sore Thumb pocket. John Makofske returned with 28 keepers from the Thumb earlier in the

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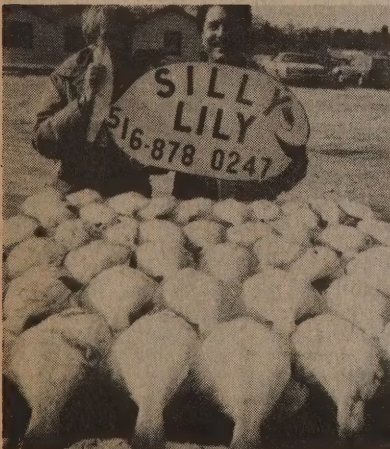
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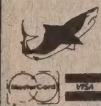
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several boatmen indicated that fishing had slowed there on the weekend. Some better catches reported on the mussel beds near the lighthouse. One customer returned from Oak Beach with 6 big blackfish ranging between 4 and 10½ lbs. Carl reported they were taken on fiddlers near The Store. Also, some quality porgies and sea bass near Ocean Beach and the lighthouse and a pretty fair showing of blowfish on the south side of West Island near buoy 8. Friday evening saw a school of blues up to 12 lbs. entertain boatmen tossing poppers and jigs at the mouth of the inlet. The fishing lasted for only an hour, however.

Captain Neil Delanoy of the Bay Shore open boat **Laura Lee** spoke of pretty good fluke fishing all week long. Lots of shorts providing plenty of action, but each day also sees 60 to 125 keepers come aboard. These are nice fish in the 2 to 3 lb. class. Sunday's trip produced a new leader in the boat's Free Fishing For Life contest when Nick Polchynsky brought a 5.5 lber. to net. On Saturday 9 year old Harold Miller, III, put away 6 keepers. Neil has been working Sexton Island, West Channel the lighthouse and the RM bridge. The skipper commented on the crystal clear water being found in the bay and noted that he was able to see bottom in as much as 12 feet of water.

Captain Carl Passaro of the open boat **Miss Captree** announced that he will be sailing two half day trips effective immediately. Both will be targeted for fluke. See his ad for details.

Captain Gordon Roman of the Captree open boat **Captree Queen** said that flounder provided good action most of the week with average catches running 12 to 20 flatties per man. Saturday's action was off a bit, but Sunday was better with 350 flatties being taken. Gordon has been working the Sore Thumb and along South Beach from the Coast Guard Station west. Evening weakfish trips have been slow, but there has been a sporadic showing of bay blues. Gordon said that he will be trying some fluke fishing during the week on the AM trips and will focus on whichever flattie provides the best action for the weekend. The two PM trips will continue to focus on flounder.

At **Captree Bait and Tackle**, Noel Kappauf said that flounder fishing continued good through the week into the weekend and that there was some pretty good fluke fishing in the vicinity of the RM bridge. Blues are spread throughout the bay and inlet and weaks to 12 lbs. were weighed on the weekend. Shore casters continued to benefit from the fine late run of flounder with good fishing again taking place on the weekend at the Jones Beach, Robert Moses and Captree Overlook Piers. A few fluke were also picked from the Captree fisherman's walk out in front of the bait station.

week. On Sunday, Tom Campson used spearing and squid combos on outgoing water to take 10 keeper fluke in West Channel.

From **Peppy's Bait and Tackle** in East Islip, Jim Romano said that flounder fishing remained good through Saturday at least. On Saturday, Russ Vanderworker totaled 40 flatties near Ocean Beach. Also a lot more weakfish talk this week. Marshall Ketchum managed an 8.15 tide-runner on Thursday's flood tide in West Channel. Several customers reported decent catches of fluke on both the east and west sides of the Robert Moses bridge. Blues of 2 to 4

lbs. are scattered throughout the bay.

Carl Miller at **Smokey's Bait and Tackle** in Bay Shore also noted an increase in weakfish activity this week. He put a couple of impressive tiderunners on the scale Saturday for a pair of Surfside III Tuna Club members. Jim Cavanaugh came through with a 12.6 lb. tiderunner while Bob aboard his Kobola netted a 13.8 lb. weak. Both were taken on live bunker. Carl also spoke of a good catch of fluke made aboard the Empty Pockets on Sunday. Fishing was done between the RM bridge and the old construction dock. Flounder still being taken at the Sore Thumb but

Al Flexer of **Al's Feathers Lures** fished the Fisherman's walk on both Saturday and Sunday. Using his own feather and night glow jigs, he managed 4 keeper fluke on Saturday and two more on Sunday including a 17 incher.

Captain George Tweedy of the Captree open boat **Captain Scotty 3** said that flounder fishing remained generally good this week with some excellent trips along with a few slow ones mixed in. Concerning the evening trips, George spoke of a good shot of blues at the mouth of the inlet near the end of the week. These special evening trips have been producing a few big weaks but the trophy tiderunners have been few and far between on most nights. The skipper noted that he'll be mixing up his daytime action between fluke and flounder depending on the tides.

Captain Bob Schwartz of the Captree charter boat **Blue Albatross** found slow fishing at the Sore Thumb for a half day group from Con Edison on Saturday. He caught the change of tide at South Beach, however, and wound up doing a very good job on the flatties. On Sunday, he again keyed his fishing to the change of tide along South Beach. Members of the 802nd Tank Destroyer Battalion benefitted from the fine action. John Motts topped off the flounder catch with an 8.3 lb. blackfish.

Captain Charlie Kennedy of the Captree open boat **Captain Joseph II** said that flounder fishing remained pretty decent through the week but slipped on Sunday. Better individual catches ran in the 30s and 40s all week long, but Sunday was way off. Charlie expects to make the switch to fluke by the time most people read this. His evening trips have resulted in very

few weaks with most fares contenting themselves with hit or miss bluefish action.

Captain Ralph Green of the open boat **Miss Babylon** reported excellent flounder fishing on Friday when 20 fares put away more than 400 flatties at the lighthouse and the Sore Thumb pocket. Saturday and Sunday saw the fishing slow with catches down to a 10 fish per man average.

From **Augie's Bait and Tackle** in Babylon John Gattuso reported weighing a 3 lb. fluke for Capt. Fred on the Water Witch on Friday. Richie Hellmond had a 2½ lb. fluke on Saturday. The crew aboard the Scamp II worked the lighthouse area on Saturday and finished up with 13 sea bass and 80 flounder.

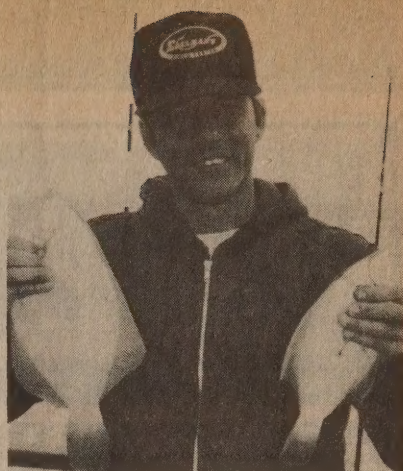
Captain Phil of the Babylon charter boat **Pooka** told of good flounder fishing at Kismet and the Sore Thumb this week. Joe Long had 39 flatties on Wednesday's trip. On Saturday, Bill Maxon and group totaled between 150 and 200 flounder.

From **Bergen Point Fishing Station** Greg Brueckner reported the first decent fluke checked into the station this past week. The 2¾ lb. summer flattie was taken by Lenny Amato.

George Stevenson at **Babylon Fishing Station** put a 9.3 lb. weak on the scale for Allan Carniello on Saturday. It gobbled a sand worm in West Channel. Flounder fishing still pretty strong with the lighthouse producing best on the weekend. Fluke are around but there are lots of shorts. It has been good action with blues on the Bay Shore flats for those casting tin or plugs.

Over at **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle** Mike Andreani first wanted to remind customers that the shop's new weekday hours will be 5AM to 8PM. On the fishing front, Mike checked over a catch of 68 flatties up to 2.2 lbs. for Carmine Lombardi, Mike Inserra and Tom Farrell on Friday. Also on Friday, Richie Bates Sr and Jr along with Tom Kelly put away 50 flounder near the 3rd Wantagh bridge. A fair number of fluke now in the bay between Fox Island and Grass Island along with plenty of small blues. Weakfishing showed signs of improvement this week and there was a fair showing of blowfish near West Island Ocean Beach. Some strippers made the news as well. On Friday night, Ron Richardson, fishing with Harry Bowman used a live bunker to take a 36 inch, 25 lb. bass in Jones Inlet. The pair had a few smaller fish as well. On Saturday night, Lou Bonnano used a live bunker to take a 30 lb. striped in Fire Island Inlet.

Across the street at **Charlie's Bait and Tackle** in Lindenhurst, Jimmy Schaefer spoke of some pretty decent fluking near the Robert Moses bridge and in the state channel on squid, spearing and sand eels. He did add that lots of shorts are involved in the action. Jimmy looked over a 4.10 lb. fluke taken on Sunday near the RM Bridge by Steve Lundburg aboard Jack Dunn's Jobo. He knew of black-



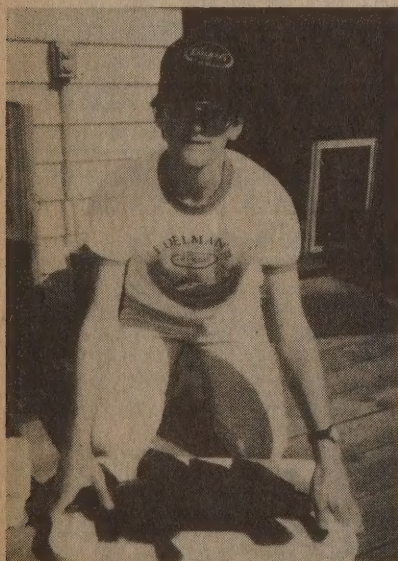
Chet Levandowski with a pair of flatties caught aboard the Bay Shore open boat, "Laura Lee."

fish to nearly 5 lbs. on the Rota Wreck along with a few weaks culled from West Channel and the Ocean Beach area. Flounder still worthwhile at the Thumb and Lighthouse and bluefish continue to roam in and out of the inlet as well as in the bay.

At **Z-Crab Tackle** in Copiague Ralph Angelillo reported a surge in weakfish activity. On Saturday he weighed a 7 lb. weak for George McCarthy, a 10 lber. for Steve Sisom and a pair of 6 and 8 lb. tiderunners for Al Speahr. All were taken on jelly worms. Couple of nice blackfish were weighed at the shop on Saturday as well. Gary Wernet clicked with an 8.8 lb. tog, while Gary Blanton nailed a 7.10 lber. Ralph added that flounder are still camped at the Sore Thumb.

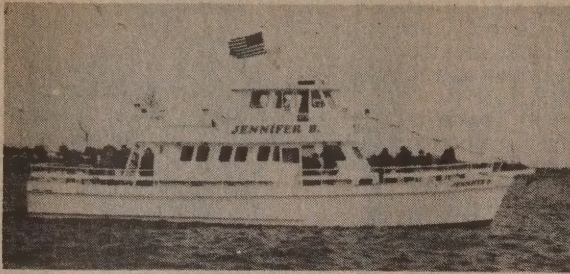
From **Bob's Bait and Tackle** in Amity Harbor, Bob Rose reported a catch of 30 flounder to 2 lbs. at the Sore Thumb for Thomas Panissidi on his Playtime Friday. A number of customers reported good flounder fishing at the Sore Thumb and on the mussel beds through the week. Tomk Wiswall and Ken Schneider sampled some of the local offshore wrecks on Saturday. They put 18 cod to 20 lbs. along with some pollock into the cockpit of the Lady Marion. Flukers reporting most of their action consisting of shorts.

Frank Pristera at **Edelman's** in Farmingdale reported a catch of ling, sea bass and herring made at the Fire Island reef by the Patty Ann on Sunday. Included in the catch was a supposed 8 lb. herring which was ID at Frank and Dick's Bait station in the state channel. It was caught by Bruce Hastings. Frank sampled the fluking near the Robt. Moses bridge on the weekend and figured one out of every 4 or 5 fish was a keeper. He knew that the Marine Mate returned with about 20 blues from 7 to 10 lbs. from the San Diego on Saturday. Radio chatter indicated a great white reported by a boatman on Sunday. A reminder that Edelman's will be hosting a free seminar on sharks, bluefish and tuna



Fifteen year old Adam Fahrer with part of a fine catch of flatties caught back on May 16th near the Fire Island Lighthouse. The fish were taken on sandworms and mussel and corn chum. Subscriber photo.

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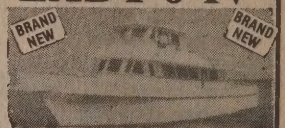


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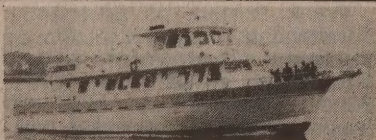


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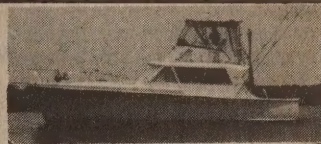
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West End REPORT

with Stu Miller

It's been a super fishing week with the weather having finally settled down allowing the fish to indulge their hearty appetites on local anglers' offerings. Flounder continued at a fantastic clip. Fluking continues to build, with an acceptable early season keeper ratio. Ocean bottom has been strong, bluefish seem to be just about ready to eat everything in sight and they are presently being caught both outside and inside. Weakfish reports have been very slim.

WEST END BAYS/JONES INLET

From Kim's Reef Fishing Station we hear of excellent floundering all this past week. Bruce, Don and two pals bagged 197 flatties Sunday in the flats and a few other spots. John Roegge of Mt. Kisco and Sal Ransa of Yonkers had 9 keeper fluke drifting the buoy 5-7 area with sand eels, squid and spearing. The excellent floundering was off the Jones Beach piers, Four Corners, 3rd Wantagh on worms and mussels and plenty of chum for best results. Both tides work well.

From Wanser's Tackle in Seaford, Lon told of an excellent flounder week, best at Massapequa Cove, West of the 2nd Wantagh and Four Corners. Fluke showed this week in Sloop Channel, Massapequa Cove and Goose Creek. Lon weighed in a 9 lb. fluke for an anonymous customer who caught the fish in Sloop Channel on live killies. Two to three pound blues blitzing the inlets and the 3rd Wantagh. A few weakfish in the bay and lots of 2 to 3 lb. bass around inside. Blackfishing at the bridges at slack has been productive.

From Causeway Tackle in Wantagh Mike called the week's floundering fabulous, boats averaging 30 to 70 per, outgoing best on bloods and heavy chumming. Hotspots were Black Banks, 3rd Wantagh, State Channel at the piers, Big M, Swift Creek, Long Creek and the CG Station. Joe Tatoo hoisted 45 to 2 lbs. from Massapequa Cove, while another customer named Joe tallied 80 to 2 1/4 lbs. on worms and a lot of chum. Bruce Lance, Don and Eric Goodman on Sunday were content with 197

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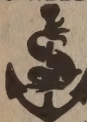
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flounder to 2½ lbs. caught east of the third Wantagh on bloods and a lot of chum. Sundials, sea robins and a few fluke around. Twelve to fifteen flounder per man off the Jones Beach piers was not uncommon this week. Fluking has been fair to good with catches of 5 to 20 keepers a boat in Haunts, State Channel, Big M area on spearing, incoming tide with about a 40 percent keeper ratio. Blackfishing good at the Big M and 3W on fiddlers at both slacks. Marie Ambareri bagged a 10 lb. 4 oz. weak on a tin off a north shore beach. Bay blues have been good in the AMs at the bridges on tins, fish 3 to 5 lbs. Umbrellas have been taking blues at the inlets and there are 7 to 10 lbers. being chummed at Cholera.

Sailing out of Freeport, charter boat **Corsair** on Sunday had an excellent flounder trip for Excelsior hook and ladder #1, Freeport Fire Dept. Clam produced as well as worm with lots of chum, the boat working from the CG station to the Wantagh bridges. Lots of fish were caught up to 2½ lbs. on both tides. Best action was in the main channels as the fish seem to be moving.

We learn from the **Bluefin Fleet** that a large group of students from the Waverly Park School, East Rockaway, most of whom were first timers, had very good floundering during the week. Brian Levine took the pool and Alison Schwartz had 6 fish. Charters on the weekend had fluke to 3 lbs. with a 10 percent keeper ratio. There was brisk action locally, with 3 lbers. caught by Ray Hernandez and Tony Lofferi. Other pool winners of the week were Rich Huges, Fred Leyboldt and John Lawrence. Spearing and strip baits caught best. The skipper says he is presently booking the boat's fall tuna trips.

Captain Frank of the two trip a day **Jennifer B** told of an excellent week of flounder fishing. On Tuesday 40 fares had over 600 flatties. Wednesday AM Rick had 17 and Joe Fachler had a 2 lb. 13 oz. pool fish. Six fares had 109 fish, 30 over 2 lbs. Thursday AM 13 fares totalled 175 flounder. John and Doris had 27. Don Rossetti bagged a 3 lb. 2 oz. pool fish. In the PM, 22 fares hoisted roughly 450 fish with Jerry Cohen bagging 28 and Mike Powell 22. Friday AM Walt Powluk was high hook. John and Doris again had 27 in the AM and 29 in the PM. Bob Bonoguara was high hook with 25. The PM pool was a 2½ lber. for Frank Banavale. Saturday's AM pool went to Dennis Rurgar with a 2¼ lber. Jay Smith had 15 and on the PM trip, Pat Wesler had 20 including a 4 lb. 2 oz. monster. Sunday Dave Klein was high hook with 17 in the AM and regular Adam was high hook with an identical 17 on the PM trip. Winning numbers of the boat's tackle derby for this past month have been 11258 and 19759.

From the charter boat **Lady J III** we learn of decent flounder catches on all trips though things slowed a little on Sunday. Fish have been running from

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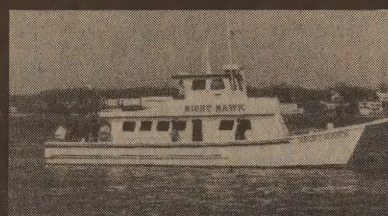
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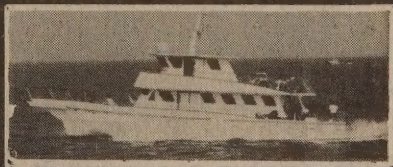
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From the Miss Freeport II comes word of very good flounder action all week, with fish up to 3 lbs. Monster of the week for Rich G. of Howard Beach was an 18 1/2 inch long fluke which tickled 3 3/4 lbs. on a digital scale. The boat is getting ready for its annual 7PM to 1AM bluefish program, so watch for the starting date.

We learn from skipper Mike Danon

of the Captain Lou Fleet that both boats had a super flounder week, with sizes of fish excellent up to 3 lbs. Saturday Mike Karcinski of Flushing had 52 and returned Sunday for 38 more. Muriel and Don hoisted 97 Saturday, while Tom Mistretta of Floral Park was happy with 53. Sunday Larry Edelman of North Woodmere put away 45 flounder, while Seymour and Rene Nadler had 68. That was on the full day boat. On the half day boat, Wednesday's pool was a 2 lb. flattie for Jack Carlton. Saturday Rene had 20 in the AM and

on the PM trip, Roland Giantani was high hook with 30. Sunday AM, Mike Giani had 25 and in the PM, Joe Di Melte had 15. Action slowed Sunday PM due to heavy boat traffic. Both tides have been catching. The fish are on the move said Mike, and now is the time to fill the freezer. Please note that the Captain Lou Fleet every Wednesday runs a dinner cruise from 7PM to 10PM. Reservations are necessary and the skipper promises a great time.

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wrecks says the action has been very good all week, with plenty of big ling, some blues to 8 lbs. and also some blackfish and sea bass mixed in. Please note all tickets are sold for the June 8th trip.

Freeport Boatmen's Association told of good fluke catches on the **Super Spray II** on their 2 trip a day schedule. Gary Smith had 10 keepers, Nancy Lock 8 keepers, Charlie Muhlhauer 8 keepers. Thursday AM the boat had over 70 good fluke. Jerry Viktora had 12, John Monihan 8 and John Young 8. Tony Alessi had a 4 lb. 8 oz. pool winner. There's been about a 40 percent keeper ratio. The Association charter boats reaped a flounder harvest all week long. Best action was at the CG Station, Swift Creek and east of the Big M. The fish are on the move, said Bob. Blues being trolled and jigged out to 80 feet of water and dusky pup was caught at Cholora.

Over in Point Lookout, Eileen at **Ed's Fishing Station** said lots of flounder were caught this week just off the CG station. Mark Pelletiere and Lisa Muter Saturday hoisted 70 flounder to 3 lbs. 4 oz. off the CG Station in the cove, incoming water best. On Sunday, 90 flatties was the score in the same place for Frank Poma, Tony Caravalle and Bill Albrecht. Saturday Mike Silverman had 15 keeper fluke fishing buoy 17 area in Reynolds with killie and squid. Joe Giacoppo of Massapequa bagged a 5 3/4 lb. fluke on killies.

The 2 trip a day **Night Hawk** had excellent flounder fishing all week. Tuesday Tom and Steve hoisted 76 and on Wednesday Dennis and Steve put away 86 nice fish. Thursday Peg and Fred Nicotera and Keith Carter totaled 44 flatties. Friday's high hook was Sy Lubchnasky with 29 followed up by Tom Rupp's 27. Saturday's charter for AT&T put away over 400 flounder. Steve Cioffe was high hook with 50, with 2nd place going to Jim Misseo with 33. Sunday's trip for the Bernie Gerber group did well on flounder, fish 1 to 2 1/2 lbs. incoming water best.

On the charter boat **Marie III** Saturday's trip for the John Lutz group had fluke from the marina up to the ABB in Reynolds. The boat had roughly 150 keepers out of about 500 total fish caught. The 6 lb. pool fish put a smile on the face of Bob Marks. There were lots of 3 to 5 lbers. taken. Sunday's charter for the Steve Kearny group had roughly 100 keeper fluke out of roughly 300 total caught. Mike Ryder took the pool with a 5 lber., followed by Tom R with a 4 3/4 lber. Fish hit sand eels, spearing and fluke belly.

Captain Al Lindroth of the **Captain Al** called the ocean bottom fishing super on the wrecks. There's just about all the ling you can catch said the skipper and they are truly delicious eating. Some sea bass, blacks and blues have been mixed in with Friday being particularly hot for the sea bass. Water temp seems to

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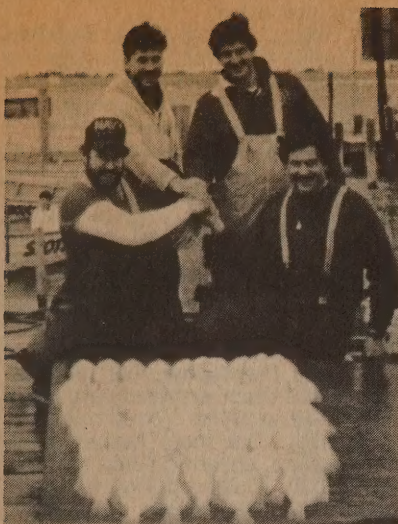
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determine which of the wreck dwellin species predominate. There have also been a couple of fluke and pollock mixed in for good measure. All action is 3 to 12 miles from the inlet.

Tom at **Scotty's Fishing Station** said there was lots happening Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Tom Martinello had 10 keeper fluke on squid, fish to 3 lbs. in Reynolds. Rocky Capitani a nd Mike Bard had 32 flounder on worm and mussel in Swift Creek, 3 of which were over 2 lbs. Generally, flounder-ing has been strong catches averaging 20 to 30 per boat, no problem. Best action in Middle Bay and buoy 17. Fluke have been good on killies and spearing. Some bay blues on fluke and flounder rigs in the inlet area. Trolled umbrellas scoring on blues outside the inlet. Friday aboard the Betty Ann over 100 blues were taken on umbrellas in 50 to 60 feet of water. Good blackfishing and a few sea bassa at the local bridges.

We hear from the **Miss Point Lookout** of a super flounder week with huge hooks in the 20s on the half day trips. Tuesday Matt French had 17 plus a 2½ lber. Wednesday JL had 25, Jim and Fred 35. Regular Jim had a 2¾ lb. pool fish. Thursday PM Doc had 16 while the pool went to Mildred Hiltzinger with a 2½ lber. and Fran had a 3 lber. and on Friday roughly 700 flatties came aboard on the AM trip. Hot action.

Catches are running 2 to 600 a trip, action best on the flood and beginning of ebb. Vic Levinson had 15, Dennis Murphy 22, Mick Scallinger 35. Saturday Am over 500 flatties were taken, 30 for Art Hunstein and 60 for Jay and Howard. Bill T had a 2¾ lber. On the PM trip Simon and Tom Foster had 35. Sunday AM was dynamite with over 700 fish caught. Arthur H. bagged 30 more for his freezer.

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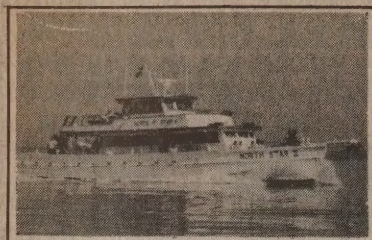
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and bunker are in.

In Howard Beach, **Cross Bay Bait and Tackle** said the best floundering is in the Marine Parkway bridge area on worms. Blacks at all three bridges to 2 lbs. on fiddlers with a lot of 3 to 5 lbs. being caught also. Fluke at Breezy Point and at the Marine Pkwy bridge with a lot of keepers on spearing. Sunday 3 to 5 lbs. blues from the north channel bridge on chunks and A27s with tails. Ten blackfish 4 to 6 lbs. for Andy and Bob using fiddlers off the Marine Pkwy bridge.

To the west in Sheepshead Bay we hear from the **Zephyr** that his local fluking has been very good particularly on Sunday with fish from throwbacks to 6 lbs., but more keepers than non-keepers, spearing being the preferred bait. Fluking during the early part of the week was very decent also, said the skipper. He says also the new boat is coming along nicely and knows that his customers will enjoy the new vessel once he brings it up.

The **Elsie K III** told of super flounder action Friday, Saturday and Sunday with action at the Tin Can and jetty area and numbers getting bigger each trip. High hook Saturday was Fran and Richie Ferris totalling 60 flounder to 3 lbs. Runner up was Ray Mally of Greenpoint with 35 fish to 2½ lbs. On Sunday, Bill Strobel had 30 to 2½ lbs. with some blackfish mixed in. The skipper's charter boat **Miss Moore** has only 11 more open dates in August and September, prime blue and fluke time.

Captain Bob of the **Flamingo III** told of super bluefishing overall with the exception of a slow day Tuesday. Things barreled right through Sunday with fish 8 to 14 lbs. Saturday was an absolute mad house he said, with fish flying. All the catching is being done on diamonds from outside the inlet to Long Branc and Sandy Hook, a different spot each, with lots of fish around.

A call from the charter boat **Avatar** told of Friday's trip for Lee Blatt and pal having good blackfishing on 2 to 5 lb. fish on greens. Saturday's trip for Jeff Marko and pal had blacks to 7 lbs. and 30 big sea flounder in the jetty area.

Aboard the charter boat **Day Breaker** on Friday, Tim Mann was looking for big bass on his trip, with the captain filling the bill with a 28 lb. striper and 14 other bass all on bunker in the vicinity of the Rockaway jetty. They had some huge blues too. Several were trolled up in the 20 and 29 inch length.

Jim French bagged a 6 lb. 2 oz. fluke caught with the assistance of a lunker light, with the fish weighed in at Mike's Tackle.

Mike's Tackle tells of the good flounder catches on Capt. George's **America**, most fish 1¼ to 1½ lbs. with Friday, Saturday and Sunday being excellent. Areas being worked are the Manhattan Beach and Coney Island flats, with numbers very good. Bluefishing has been excellent on jigs

the Magnolia Blvd. pier was blitzed by 2 to 3 lb. blues in the mornings and late afternoons, being caught on chunks and on artificials. Big M area has been hot for flounder with some customers taking over 150 fish to 2½ lbs. The CG Station has been hot as well. Saturday Ken Timper of Rose-dale had 30 blues to 15 lbs. on chum and butters in 80 feet of water SE of Jones. West end jetty produced 3 striped bass up to 17½ lbs. on whole bunker Wednesday night for one striper addict customer.

Fred at **Cast-A-Way Tackle** in Franklin Square reports that Fred Pritella and Tom Di Mauro chummed 15 bass to 31 inches on bellies at the ABB, all fish released. Blues being chummed at Cholera and 3 Sisters 8 to 13 lbs. Flounder very good at Zachs

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How to use tide tables: To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion table. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that area station above. Example: Shinnecock Inlet. ...-0 50 is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." -0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

DAY	SANDY HOOK		BREAKWATER HARBOR		NEW YORK		NEW LONDON		WILLETTS POINT		BRIDGEPORT		NEWPORT		DATE
	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	
THURS.	1:25	2:20	2:30	3:05	2:05	3:00	3:25	4:20	4:50	5:25	5:05	5:40	1:50	2:30	6/4
FRI.	2:15	3:10	3:20	3:55	2:55	3:45	4:25	5:05	5:45	6:20	6:00	6:30	2:45	3:20	6/5
SAT.	3:15	4:05	4:10	4:50	3:45	4:40	5:20	5:55	6:40	7:10	6:55	7:20	3:40	4:10	6/6
SUN.	4:15	5:00	5:05	5:40	4:50	5:30	6:10	6:35	7:40	8:00	7:50	8:10	4:30	5:00	6/7
MON.	5:20	5:55	6:00	6:35	5:50	6:25	7:00	7:20	8:35	8:55	8:40	9:00	5:25	5:50	6/8
TUES.	6:15	6:45	6:55	7:25	6:50	7:10	7:50	8:05	9:30	9:45	9:35	9:50	6:15	6:40	6/9
WED.	7:10	7:35	7:50	8:15	7:40	8:00	8:40	8:50	10:30	10:40	10:30	10:45	7:05	7:30	6/10
THURS.	8:00	8:20	8:40	9:05	8:30	8:50	9:30	9:40	11:25	11:30	11:20	11:35	7:55	8:15	6/11

On Sandy Hook

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	-0 01
Red Bank, Navesink River	+L 48
Long Branch	-0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	-0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	-0 12
Seaside Park	-0 33
Mantoloking bridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	-0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	-0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	-0 26
Great Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 44
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNSENDS INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	-0 02
Rehoboth Beach	-0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 41
SHINNECOCK INLET	-0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	-0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Hart's Cove	+1 30
Pontunk Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	-0 38
Democrat Point	-0 38
Coast Guard Station	-0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	-0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	-0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	0 00

Beach Channel Bridge	+0 38
J.F.K. Airport	+0 26

On Bridgeport

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	+0 08
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Hbr. entrance	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0 05
Herod Point	-0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 05
Horton Point	-0 20
Truman Beach	-0 42
Falkner Island	-0 13
Sachem Head	-0 10
Branford Harbor	-0 07
New Haven Harbor entrance	-0 08
Millford Harbor	-0 07
Stratford, Housatonic River	+0 27
Shelton, Housatonic River	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor entrance	-0 03
Saugatuck River entrance	-0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	-0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On New London

Orient	+0 36
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamaica	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Three Mi. Hbr., Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	-0 14
Montauk Inlet	-0 25
Montauk Point, north side	-1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington, Fishers Is. Sound	-0 33
Noank, Mystic River ent.	-0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove entrance	-0 01
Norwich	+0 12
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook Jetty	+1 10

Lyme, highway bridge	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higginnum Creek	+2 54

On Willets Point

Little Neck Bay	-0 10
Execution Light	-0 06
Manhasset Bay	-0 01
Hempstead Harbor	-0 11
City Island	-0 03
Rye Beach	-0 28
Port Chester	-0 09
Mamaroneck	-0 08
New Rochelle	-0 24
David's Island	-0 02

On Breakwater Harbor

CAPE MAY POINT	-0 10
Miami Beach	+0 17
East Pt., Maurice River Cove	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	-0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River entrance	+0 33

On New York

Jersey City	+0 07
George Washington Bridge	+0 46
Spytten Duyvil, W/RR bridge	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburgh	+3 42

On Newport

Sakonnet	-1 10
Tiverton (between bridges)	+0 21
Beavertail Point	-0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Point	+1 10
Bristol	+1 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
Pawtucket, Seekonk River	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	-0 08
Point Judith Hbr. of Refuge	-0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Block Island (Old Harbor)	-0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 6/4	5:25	8:32
FRI. 6/5	5:25	8:32
SAT. 6/6	5:25	8:33
SUN. 6/7	5:24	8:33
MON. 6/8	5:24	8:34
TUE. 6/9	5:24	8:34
WED. 6/10	5:24	8:35

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 6/4	12:30PM	1:25AM
FRI. 6/5	1:35PM	1:45AM
SAT. 6/6	2:40PM	2:05AM
SUN. 6/7	3:50PM	2:25AM
MON. 6/8	5:00PM	2:50AM
TUE. 6/9	6:15PM	3:15AM
WED. 6/10	7:35PM	3:50AM

Moon Phases

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	Last Qtr.
			
6/26	6/4	6/11	6/18

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The schedule of solunar periods below will help plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during the time when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for 1½ to 2 hours thereafter, and are in the bold typeface. The minor periods are shorter in duration and the lighter typeface.

	AM	PM	
	Minor	Major	Minor
Thurs.	11:55	5:50	6:10
Fri.	12:25	6:25	12:35
Sat.	1:05	7:05	1:15
Sun.	1:40	7:45	1:55
Mon.	2:20	8:25	2:35
Tues.	3:05	9:15	3:25
Wed.	3:55	10:05	4:15
Thurs.	4:50	11:05	5:15

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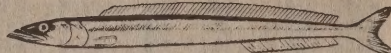
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with tails. Fluke has been fair but building. Blackfishing has been decent with sea bass and ling mixed in. Big blues off the Manhattan Beach surf on tins daytime and on bunker at night.

North Shore REPORT

with Marty Garrell

A record breaking heat wave with 97 degree temperatures pushed New York out on the water over the week-end. Fishing slumped somewhat in the weekend traffic, but the arrival of the full compliment of summer species provided some lucky anglers with good results. Large fluke and porgies will be commonplace this week while a good season on blues again appears in the offering.

WESTERN SOUND

Some good catches of around 2 dozen blues per craft were reported by regulars at **John's Gun and Tackle** in **New Rochelle**. Louis Gustaferro found his fish in Hempstead Harbor on Thursday while Lou Sabatello and John Palmieri had their catch of fish to 7 pounds around the K Buoy. There was good action on tautog around Huckleberry Island. At **Jack's Bait and Tackle** on **City Island** Vito Mecca put a 12½ pound tautog on the scales.



Dolores Guerrieri used a hermit crab to take this blackfish during a May 8th trip aboard the Mattituck based, "Capt. Bob."

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This extraordinary fish was taken on 10 pound test line, too. Sue Anderson had a dozen and a half tog to 9 pounds near Bayville. Rod DeCuffa also told us that there was a stack of blues up on top late in the week around Execution Light.

Pete Pearson's **Klondike VIII** had an excellent week of fishing for chop-pers, but called the weekend "picky" with not enough fish to go around on the crowded party boat. Blues were scattered from Execution Light as far as Crane's Neck with the hottest jigs S&G 47s and the old Klondikes.

The fares on Carl Giangrande's **Reliable** are turning into regulars these days with the skipper working hard for local flounder and tautog. There were 45 anglers aboard on Saturday.

Meanwhile, up on City Island, Dom Corbone was picking tautog and flounder for fares on the **Apache** on trips anywhere from Center Island to Greenwich. Sharpies could count on perhaps a half dozen large flatties plus assorted tautog and porgies. Catches of scup ranged to 2 dozen for the big boat every day. According to the answering service, the story seemed much the same for the **North Star**, with flounder still the principal bill of fare.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

The best bass of the week in the Huntington area was Steve Conroy's 29 pounder, taken off the causeway on a live bunker. It was weighed at **Huntington Prop.** Bob Cedar also saw a 5½ pound summer flounder taken by Alice Jonatis on the "Absence of Alice" while Carl McRitten managed a dozen and a half scup near Centerport's Buoy 4. All the bluefish reports were coming from harbors, from the Obstruction Buoy and Buoy 13.

Herb Hahn and Greg Moncalieri produced bass of 28 and 25 pounds from Cold Spring Harbor last week. George Valentine at **Four Winds** noted that these fish were just short of 40 inches long. Fish to 29 inches have been taken by worm trollers, who also pick up a few weakfish. Hugh Chancey had 3 tiderunners between 8 pounds 5 ounces and 11 pounds 2 ounces while fishing with son Hugh Chancey III. Apparently there were also a few weaks under the bluefish schools off Caumsett and from Crab Meadow to the golf course. Completing the log of weigh-ins at the shop, Phil Beck put a 36 inch, 18½ pound bass on the scales for the Huntington Anglers Club. Incidentally, Valentine still logged catches of tautog to 7 pounds in the shallows off Eatons, Center Island and Cold Spring.

The **Carafitis Fishing Station in Port Jefferson** had an "unbelievable" day on blackfish on Friday with less action on Saturday. One high score on scup was rolled off Rocky Point as

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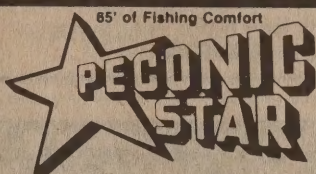
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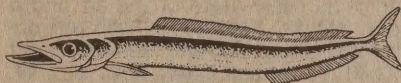
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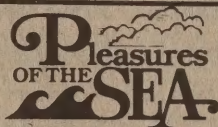
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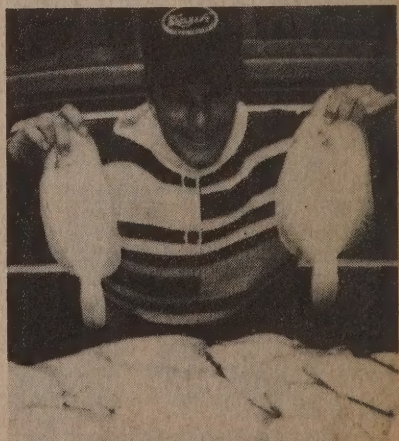
well, while sea bass are now mixing in with the bottom catches. Two boats off the Pink House had 5 and 8 summer flounder too. Bluefishing was best early before the traffic thinned out the schools.

Todd Bentsen and Nick Busa at Edelman's called the fluking at Cranes Neck "sporadic" with some large fish to be taken. However, there were good results on blues taken on plugs up on top. Warren's Archery in Selden mentioned a large tautog of 11 pounds taken by Richie See along with a surprising catch of flounder off Wading River. Red and Sean Collins fished the pipeline for 8 tautog over 4 pounds plus a decent catch of winter flounder too.

Ralph Davenport at Ralph's Fishing Station in Mount Sinai found this week's blackfishing to be slower than last week's, but noted a couple of fluke and porgies mixed with the catches. The Rocky Point Fishing Stop felt that there were some big porgies scattered around Cedar Beach and liked the pick of fluke east of the Shoreham Yacht Club. Bill suggested trolling for blues off Buoy 11 and northwest of Cranes. He said that the shop weighed an 11½ pound blue from the beach. To round out the news, there were still flounder off Setauket and around Cedar Beach.

Eileen Fleischmann at Greenlawn Sport had two interesting catches for customers. Dave Combardo and Mike Filippi had more than 3 dozen nice flounder over 10 inches in the Target Rock area while Jackie and John Zupka pulled seven tautog to 5 pounds east of Eaton's in 10 to 12 feet of water.

John Alberda of Sound Charters TJ detailed two good catches of tautog made over the weekend. John Herr's four person party had more than 4 dozen tot to 7 pounds off rocky bottom in 25 feet of water and a party headed by George Brown and Andy Sukiel managed a dozen and a half to 11 pounds. That latter group had great fun northeast of the platform



Nicholas Busa with some of the 47 flounder he caught in Long Island Sound back on May 1st. Subscriber photo.

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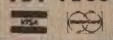
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Phil Loria at **Captain Marty's** in **New Suffolk** was still seeing a few weakfish from the Robin's Island zone. Mid-week found evening action between Buoys 26 and 30. Porgy fishing in the bay had not yet materialized at the time of writing. **Waren's Tackle Center** in **Aquebogue** found bay blues scattered all over Great Peconic. One score on 2 to 7 pound choppers occurred on Friday. **Pleasures of the Sea** in **Southold** saw only a couple of weak-

fish all week, but **Ace Cottrel** remarked that there had been a pick of fluke anywhere from Buoy 17 east to Buoy 8. Anglers in the Gut were doing nicely by the weekend on bluefish to 12 pounds plus assorted school bass.

On the Sound scene, **Liz Carafitis** at the **Mattituck Fishing Station** had tautog in reports over the weekend with the best fishing now east of the inlet. One 12 pounds blackfish was weighed on Saturday and there were a couple of porgies in some catches too.

Ruth White at the **A.P. White Bait Shop** in **Greenport** told us that **Rod DeLisle** was very happy with the **Prowler's** catch of blues from **Plum Gut**, taken on diamond jigs. Flounder off **Gardiner's** had dwindled to a precious few, but many boats were

looking for the large fluke that precede the bulk of the run.

Richie Jensen of the **Nancy Ann** assured us that all of the fluke he saw last week were 4 to 7 pounds. The most fun of any trip was a charter by the **Cutchogue Lions Club** for the benefit of the underprivileged. The young anglers catch of assorted bottom species included sea robins and a dandy six pound summer flounder.

Larry Porter said that the **Brand X** finished up her night schedule with a nice catch of nearly four dozen blues plus a couple of weaks in Saturday night. The regular trips were producing porgies from ¾ to 2½ pounds off **Gardiner's Island**; Porter felt that there were not enough scup in the inner bays to make it worth the effort there.

Bob Ceglowski was extremely hap-

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py about the fishing on the Sound with the **Captain Bob**. He'll be looking for fluke this week, beginning Tuesday, but there's a fine bag of everything from blackfish to bluefish. His best catch of the season came on Thursday when Norman Peters put a 14 pound tautog on the scales at Warren's. The giant tog was taken on 30 pound line.

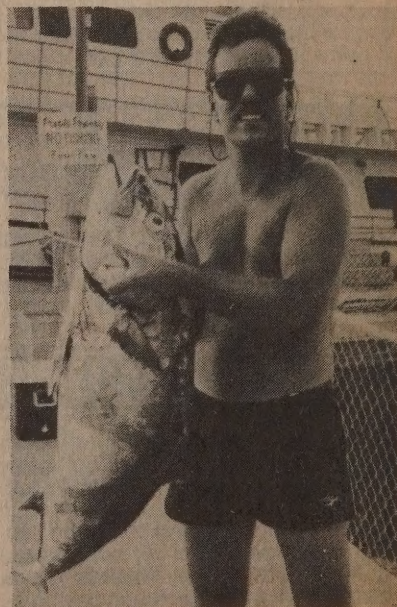
Surf REPORT

with Fred Golofaro

Despite the heat wave, a surprising number of surfmen found the energy to flail the Island's waters on the weekend. Plenty of bluefish continue to provide steady action around many parts of the Island, but some quality bass as well as a weakfish or two found their way into the reports as well.

Out at **Johnny's Tackle Shop** in Montauk, Johnny Kronuch spoke of a pretty good week of fishing since mid-week with plenty of blues and school bass keeping casters busy from North Bar to the light and also around to Ditch Plains. Saturday afternoon saw a very good shot of blues settle into Ditch Plains, while the Lighthouse and Turtle Cove had blues and school bass on tins and poppers each evening.

One of the biggest strippers to come to our attention so far this season was taken on Friday by Walt Kowal.



Thomas Devine caught this 42 lb. amberjack during a vacation trip to Mayport, Florida.



Tom Pritchett with an estimated 15 lb. striper just prior to release. Tom caught the bass back in March from the Christopher St. Pier in lower Manhattan. Taken on an ultra-light spinning outfit and 6 pound test, it took the Manhattan angler nearly 30 minutes to land the fish.

According to Thom Speckenbach of Speck's Bait and Tackle in Southampton the big cow was taken from a Shinnecock Inlet Jetty on a 5½ inch black backed Rebel. Fire Island Inlet and Cedar Beach had its quota of blues during the week with quite a few anglers connecting with choppers in the 10 to 12 lb. range on fresh bunker or mackerel chunks.

At Captree Bait and Tackle Noel Kappauf reported weighing an 11 lb. blue for Scott Berrent on Saturday. He added that one of his workers and a friend connected with some blues to 5 lbs. and a small weak on 007s at Democrat Sunday evening. Sue D'Andrea used a Cedar Beach Bar to christen her new surf stick this past week to the consternation of several veteran surfmen who had fished pulled from beneath their waders. Sue managed to land several blues to 12½ lbs. as well as a husky school bass on a tin and tube combination.

Charlie's Bait and Tackle in Lindenhurst, Jimmy Schaefer reported checking blues to 14 lbs. from Cedar this week. Nick Decicco weighed a 12.3 lb. blue he took at the Sore Thumb on Friday.

Chester Shew at Z-Crab Tackle in Copiague said he teamed with Hank Richards on Tuesday evening at Cedar Beach. The pair put away 4 blues in the 10 to 12 lb. class on mackerel chunks and saw a 30 lb. class bass taken on an Ava 27. The striper was released. They returned on Friday to take 4 more choppers from 10 to 12 lbs. All the action was on the ebb tide.

From Dave Canale at J&R Sports Center in Oakdale came word of bass and weakfish action inside Fire Island Inlet. Dave reported that on Saturday night, Al Cross connected with a 22 lb. striper and a weak of between 8 and 9 lbs. Raul Delacruz connected with bass and weaks of similar size. The two used Hellcats and RedFins to take their fish. Dave also confirmed action with big blues at Cedar Beach during the week for casters drowning bait. He knew that a couple of 8 to 10 lb. weaks were culled from along

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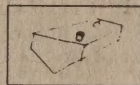
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Sunken Meadow this week and that lots of blues have been providing fairly steady action there.

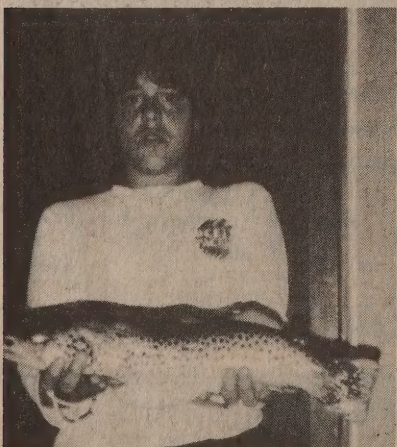
A call from Mike Kaland, publicity chairman for Striper Surf Club, revealed that fellow club member Bill Rothwell, got his season off to a big start on Thursday night when he landed a 34.3 lb. striper on a Rebel at West End #2. Late Saturday night, another club member, Leif Gobel, used the same plug to take a 17 lb. striper.

Gateway Striper Club PR Man Joe Augeri, reported lots of small bass and blues being taken by members on the back and front of Breezy Point. Some members also reported similar action at Caumsett Park on the north shore. The Rockaways produced a couple of stripers in the teens for members during the week.

Frank Lallo confirmed Joe's report of blues and school bass at Breezy Point on tin. He also added that while bass action has tailed off in the Manhattan Beach area, there have been lots of blues with some big choppers being taken on butterfly baits after dark on the last of the in and the first of the outgoing tide. Frank had a 12 lber. Thursday night. He reminded prospective anglers here to tote along a long handled gaff since a couple of casters have already gotten banged up climbing down the rocks attempting to retrieve big blues. As an aside, lot of bunker settled in side Sheepshead Bay.

Freshwater REPORT with Tom Schlichter

Big fish were noticeable mostly by their absence from this week's reports. Freshwater fishing, however,



Richard Miller displays a 5 lb. 5 oz. brown trout caught in the Connetquot River and weighed at Smokey's Bait and Tackle.

was far from disappointing as evidenced by the many reports of mixed bags taken over the weekend. Carp, sunfish and bass are all beginning to spawn right now, and this may be the main reason that most anglers scored with mostly small to medium sized fish. The warm weather over the weekend has also sent some fish into a summer feeding pattern and promoted the start of heavy weed growth on some of the Island's shallower bass holes.

From **Beckmann's Bait and Tackle, Lynbrook**, Charlie Beckmann reports bass and sunfish feeding with abandon in Hempstead Lake and Smith's Pond. John Johnson worked the first location with a Jitterbug on Sunday, scoring with two bass to 1.5 pounds. On Saturday, Ray Minoff hit the latter for a trio of bass to 3 pounds taken on a Heddon Tiny Torpedo.

According to Bobby Tuttarello at **Causeway Bait and Tackle, Wantagh**, the local kids have been pounding away at crappies, pickerel and bass on the Twin Lakes in Wantagh. Quite a few fish are being taken but most of these are in the small to medium size range. Almost all the fish are being caught on live killie baits.

Over at **Edelman's Sportsman's Center, Farmingdale**, Todd passed on word that anglers are starting to see a few bass in Lake Ronkonkoma. On Wednesday, one angler reported catching and releasing several small largemouths there. A small perch finished Rebel proved to be the most productive lure.

On Sunday morning, I got over to Lake Ronkonkoma myself and did a little plugging for bass. Wading the north shoreline, I managed two bass in the 10 to 12 inch range, a few small white perch and a sunnie. I also noticed a few of the bass and sunnies were beginning to bed.

Fred Kruse of **Pine Grove Outfitters** confirmed the bass beginning to bed on Lake Ronkonkoma this weekend and added that a couple of regulars to this lake reported taking largemouths to 4.5 pounds this week. Some of these fish were full of roe. Of course, they were released unharmed. Anglers visiting Lake Ronkonkoma this week will also notice large carp rolling on the surface. These fish are also spawning and may have the bass a little skitterish. Last week's DEC electroshocking probably hasn't made the big fish any more willing to strike.

From Carl at **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle**, we learned that quite a few bass are being caught at Blydenburgh Lake. One angler checked in this weekend to say that he caught and released several bigmouths to 4.5 pounds on nightcrawlers and seven inch jellyworms.

From the crew at **J & R Sports Center, Oakdale**, we hear of some very good trout fishing for large browns and rainbows inside Connetquot River State Park Preserve. Rich Cleland landed a 5.13 pounder over the weekend. Over at Bubbles Falls and



Bob Ruth and Fred Hatt accounted for 78 flounder to 1 1/2 lbs. on May 3rd while fishing inside Lake Montauk. The pair did their fishing out of a Uihlein's rental skiff.

Rattlesnake Creek, anglers are still pulling plenty of fish but there hasn't been a decent trout from these locations weighed all week.

Anglers are catching "a little bit of everything" is the word on the freshwater scene according to Paul Granello of **J & J Tackle, Patchogue**. Over on West Lake, the trout fishing has been very good with blue duns or any grey wing pattern producing keeper sized fish. Over on Patchogue Lake, the water has warmed considerably but anglers continue to pick away at bass and yellow perch. The lake is beginning to weed up however, and anglers are reporting the best bass fishing here to be during night or early morning hours.

"A lot of shorts but plenty of action" is the way Mrs. Devling described the bass fishing on the Peconic River behind the **Fisherman's Deli in Riverhead**. Clyde Temple came out over the weekend and used his fly rod and a popper to take a mix of bluegills, bass and crappies. Other anglers report catching plenty of small bass on spinners and plugs. The water is up pretty high for this time of year and that seems to be helping the fishing.

At **Crazy Chief Ski and Sport**, Ken Josephson reports anglers have been checking in with a generous number of trout over the last few days. Spinners and worms have accounted for most of the fish but March browns are on the hatch and fly fishermen working this pattern can do very well.

From Capt. Bill Johnson of **Odyssey Charters, Rochester**, we hear that fishing is good in 70 to 100' of water for king salmon and lake trout. Most of the better action has been at about 40' down. The kings are running to about 15 pounds while the lakers are mostly in the 8 to 10 pound range. Brown trout fishing close to the shore has tapered off.



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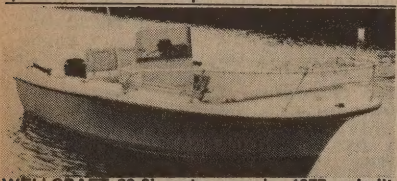
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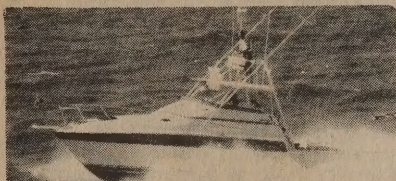
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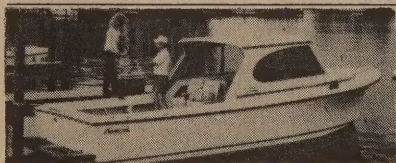
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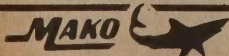
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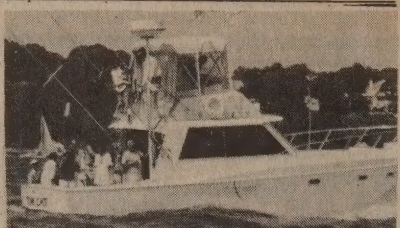
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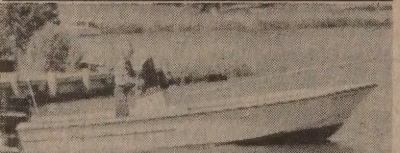
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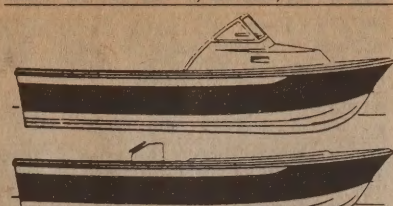
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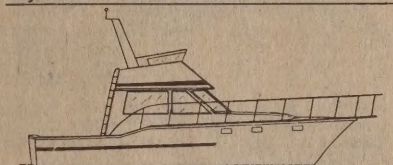


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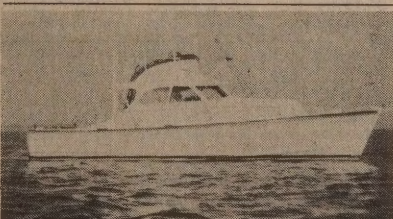
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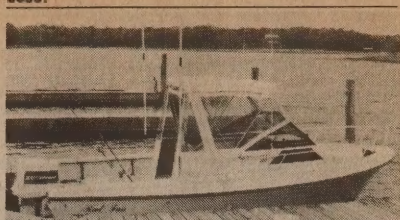
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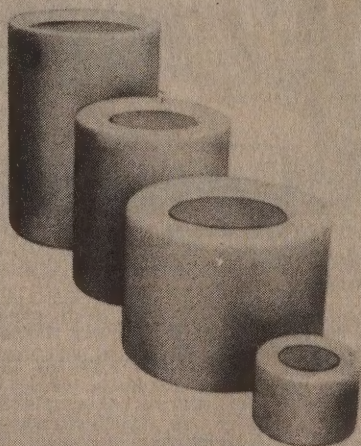
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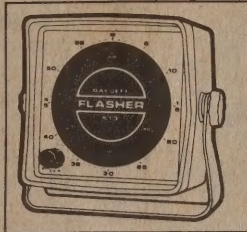
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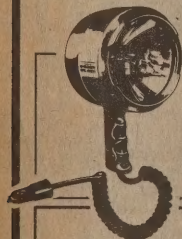
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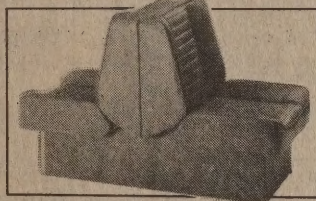
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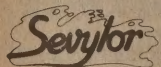
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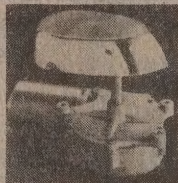


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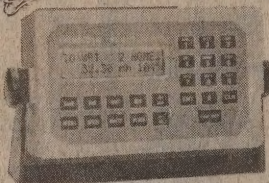
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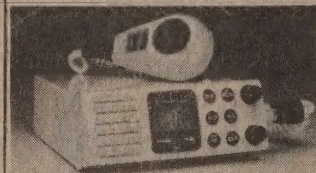
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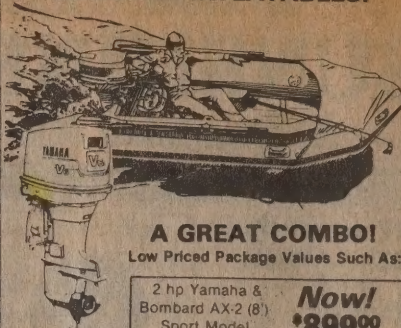
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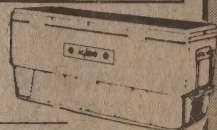
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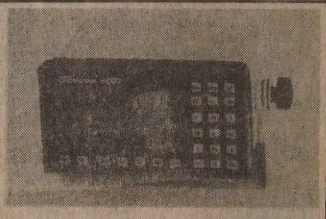
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